FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

2015 NAPLAN results for Year 3 and 5

Year 3 and 5 individual Student NAPLAN Reports arrived at school yesterday. All reports will be posted to parents today. Again this year our Year 3 and Year 5 results in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy are above the state average in all areas.

Parents are advised to file their child’s report carefully as we do not have additional copies.

Parents are also advised that if you wish to discuss your child’s results, please contact the class teacher.

Colds and Flu

Our students have been feeling the brunt of the cold and flu season with a number becoming unwell. Parents are encouraged to keep their child at home if showing signs of cold and flu, suffering aches and pains and generally feeling unwell. This will greatly reduce further infection within the classroom, amongst both the students and their teacher. For those resting at home we wish you a speedy recovery.

Snack Shack Sign Competition

As mentioned in the Snack Shack news last week we invite our students to design a sign for the Snack Shack. Maybe your favourite family café sign will inspire you. We have extended the due date and we look forward to entries arriving up to Friday August 28th. Time to put those thinking caps on!

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.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Neven Paleka
Assistant Principal

Legacy Badges

Hi, I’m Jenna and I will be selling Legacy badges during eating time for JSC. In case you were wondering, Legacy is an organisation that helps families who have lost loved ones at war. 1000’s of husbands, dads, grandpas and even great grandpas have lost their lives serving our country at war.

Every year Legacy has a badge day which this year is on the 4th of September. They send out badges for clubs and schools to sell. The funds that Legacy raise will go towards helping widows and children with daily struggles they face. It will also help those who have returned from war who may have disabilities or need special counselling.

At 12:50pm, I will come around to all of the classes to sell the badges. So, please help support this cause and buy a badge. Thank you.
The Snack Shack News
Don’t forget that The Snack Shack is now open on Fridays. This will continue on a trial basis until the end of this term when we will make a decision whether to keep opening for three days a week. Keep your design suggestions for The Snack Shack sign coming in to the office, making sure we receive them by next Friday 28th August, as we have extended the deadline by another week. Just a reminder that if you are still using the blue tub to order lunches, you must supply the money in a suitably sized paper bag to fit your order or add another 10c to the cost so we can supply you with one. Please do not staple the lunch bags. Thank you again to the wonderful volunteers, without whom The Snack Shack would not be able to operate so efficiently. If you would still like to volunteer this term, but missed out, please leave your details with the office. The new Snack Shack Menu is available on our website: click here. Many thanks, Ellie Hilton.

House Athletics
Our House Athletics is next Wednesday 26 August we are desperate for parent volunteers to help out. If you are available please contact the school office 9589 2619.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge, last few weeks! The final date for book entries is the 14th September.
There are only a few weeks left for participants to complete the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Please make sure that the required number of challenge and choice books are entered onto the PRC system. To meet the Challenge students need to read between 15 and 30 books (depending on Year level) within the required time and keep a record of them. The teachers will then verify that the books have been read. No further data can be entered after the 14th September. Students, if you meet the Challenge this year, the Premier of Victoria will send you a certificate of achievement. For more information please see "How To Meet The Challenge" on the Challenge website.

Thank you
To the Year One and Two Parents, Lesley Oakley, Fiona Love, Imogen Miller, Fiona Reed & Jannine Boreham. Who gave up there time over Term Two and Three to sort and order the guided reading and take home books. It was a HUGE job and the students and teachers very much appreciate their hard work!
**Father’s Day Footy Breakfast:** Friday 4th September 7.30am
Cost $10 (includes one adult and two children) $3 per additional person Includes an egg and bacon roll, fruit, orange juice, tea & coffee.
Coffee cart available to purchase freshly brewed coffee on the day. Please RSVP via the Qkr! app or by returning the payment slip and money to the school office by **Thursday 27th August.** Due to the very large number of people to be served, unfortunately we will not be taking orders after 27th August, and are unable to take orders on the day. Remember to come dressed in your team colours.

**WHOLE PIECES OF FRUIT GOING TO WASTE :(**
We are still finding literally "mountains" of whole pieces of fruit in our compost bucket. The prep children came up with a message for parents - "Please don’t give us big, whole pieces of fruit in our lunch boxes as we find them very hard to eat".
Perhaps have a chat with your child and see which way they would prefer to have their fruit, maybe chopped up in a container, or cut into halves or quarters...perhaps even save it for an after school snack rather than it ending up in the bin.
REMEMBER our Nude Food Picnic is coming up soon in Enviroweek on Thursday 3rd September at 12.15pm on the oval and we would love to see our school families and friends sharing nude food on the day.

**Message from Beaumaris Girl Guides**

Dear BPS, Beaumaris Girl Guides is collecting Pillow Pet toys for “Action for August”. The Pillow Pets will be donated to Keysborough Primary School so that every Year one child has a special seat and also a buddy to read to. If you have a pillow pet you do not need anyone, please bring it to school and place in the box near the office. Thank you for your help, Isabel and Freya.

Drop your completed sticker sheets in the collection box at the office.

**Double Sticker Weekend**
Fri, Sat, Sunday only.
Kids Matter Communication

Questions as generated from Kids Matter parent survey responses:

This week we will address the area of **resilience**.

![Diagram of Resilience components](image)

Resilience is the ability to cope in the face of challenges and bounce back after difficulties. Just like going to the doctor for a checkup, taking vitamins or exercising to look after your physical health, resilient people also take care of their emotional health.

People who are resilient use strategies to keep themselves feeling good, like doing things they enjoy regularly and having strong social support systems. They identify people to talk to or get help from during difficult times. How do you build resilience?

You can also play a role in helping to build a young person’s resilience by providing guidance, encouragement and a safe supportive and nurturing environment.

(Information courtesy of Beyond Blue [https://www.youthbeyondblue.com/](https://www.youthbeyondblue.com/))

Thank you,

**The KidsMatter Action Team:** Catherine Churchward, Jenny Fildes, Anna Redlich, Lesley Oakley, Jo Pyke-Simmons, Anne Thompson
LEVEL LOW DOWN
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Here are some photos of investigations in Prep this week. Look at all the bonus literacy and numeracy skills that come into our play based and personalised learning. The students always come to school with big smiles on their faces knowing they will follow their authentic interests and learn new skills and behaviours during investigation time. You can also see our students engaged in the dramatic play, construction, collage, painting and tinkering areas. Don’t forget our DISCO at school tomorrow. Don’t forget that the children can wear casual clothes to school on Friday.

Year One

This week is Science Week! Since our recent excursion to Scienceworks we have been very interested in what science is and what scientists do. We have experimented with icy-poles, spaghetti, water and celery. We used our 5 senses to try and predict a mystery liquid in a bowl. We worked out using our smell and sight that the mystery liquid was a melted icy-pole. We then discussed whether we could refreeze the melted icy-pole.

What do you think? If an icy-pole melts, can it be frozen again? How?

Year Two

We celebrated Science Week by learning all about light! We went outside and traced our shadows at 9.30am and measured the length of them in metres and centimetres. We went outside at 2.45pm and compared our morning shadow. We also enjoyed learning about translucent, transparent and opaque and used our torches to compare different objects in our classrooms. We certainly have some budding scientists in Year 2!
Year Three

Meanwhile in Year 3...
We celebrated Science Week by participating in some exciting experiments that furthered our learning of key terms such as convention and conduction. Students have begun to think about how they might link their interest to a learning intention for their ERP.

In ICT, we have spent the last few weeks gathering as many points as we can on WordMania. We have also used Mathletics to revise the key concepts of multiplication, mass and capacity. Students have also begun to experiment with Microsoft PowerPoint to present their learning, and Microsoft Excel to record and calculate data.

Year Four

Last Friday we were very fortunate to have Dr Pearman (OAM) talk to our students about Science and, in particular, climate change and how the ozone layer is now repairing itself as a result of actions implemented through scientific discovery. The students valued very highly his suggestions that they develop critical minds and persevere with maths throughout their schooling. He encouraged the students to pursue the many opportunities there will be for new scientists to discover new things.

On Tuesday all the Year 4 students participated in an exciting incursion presented by ‘Hands On Science’. The focus was on Forces and Motion. The students predicted and conducted experiments. They learnt about different types of forces, how forces are measured, friction of materials and magnets. The students are enjoying completing some follow up tasks in class.

Year Five

This week in Year 5 we have been estimating, comparing, naming, measuring and drawing angles. We have looked carefully at the two scales on our protractors and identified the importance of accuracy in measurement.

Our science and writing focus has shifted to looking at the contribution scientists have made to our society. Students are researching a scientist who has investigated something that is linked with their interest. They are making notes and writing a short biography, focusing on the scientist’s work, interests, influences, qualifications and achievements.

We are all looking forward to our House Athletics next Wednesday (26/8/15). We still need parent volunteers to help on the day. Please let us know if you are available.

Year Six

This week in Year six we have been celebrating Science Week. The Year six students have all been busy completing their home-work and recording their individual science experiments. In class we have investigated the different science topics in the Herald Sun newspaper and learnt about different discoveries and inventions. In class we have completed all our science rotations and started research on the chosen topics for ERP’S. Different classes have made slime, bath bombs and lava lamps. We will be discussing the focus of Science Week “Light” in our class meetings.
FATHER’S DAY STALL

The Father’s Day stall will be held at school on Wednesday 2nd September.
All presents are priced at $7.00 and the children will be able to choose one gift during their class visit with their teacher.
Please make sure that your child/children bring $7.00 as payment must be made on the day.
Please also remember to bring a bag to take the gift home in as gifts will not be wrapped!
If any gifts remain at the end of class visits, students will have an opportunity to purchase a second gift.

Mr Eden’s 3E proudly announces a great Fete Event 2015

We are looking for donations for any sport merchandising for prizes on the day

- Buzzer Beaters
- Three-pointers
- Teachers VS Students
- Dribble & Shootout Competitions
- Star Appearances & Demonstrations

brigette@madcad.com.au or drop off to the front office
Parents can play a role here by not getting in the way if their husband or partner wants a little time alone with kids. (Most mums I meet welcome this!)

Children usually associate their fathers with activity. When I ask children to talk about their dads they usually talk about the things that they like to do together with their dads. Playing, walking, fishing, wrestling...the list goes on.

It's through shared activity and involvement in kids' lives that dads build frequent father points. It's hard to build good connections with kids when you are not there!

Don't wait until adolescence

Those relationships are best built in childhood, when kids just love their dads to bits and want to be around him. It gets trickier in adolescence, but having shared interests developed in childhood gives you a connection point during these sometimes-turbulent times.

Dads also benefit from spending time with their kids. Most health scales state a healthy relationship with their children is a predictor of good health and longevity for men. I'm not sure where the health benefits come from, but I suspect there is something relaxing and de-stressing about getting into a child's space. There is a big kid inside most men just busting to get out.

These days we take parenting pretty seriously and it's easy to forget that one of the fundamentals of raising kids well is to spend some time in your child's space, doing stuff or not doing stuff, whatever the case may be.

So how are your (or your partner's) frequent father points going? If they need some topping up then you can start by doing something together that the kids enjoy. Having a bit of fun together is the best place to start.

Author's note: Sole mums can take these ideas on-board to have a NO RULES weekend with your kids, where you have a change of routine and activity that can give kids the chance to see you in a different way.
ART SHOW

Beaumaris Primary School students, under the direction of artist Mathew Butler, proudly present

An exhibition of art representing artefacts lost in the 1994 school fire, and the heritage and culture of the school and Bayside

THE HISTORY PUZZLE

12-13 September
10am – 4.30pm

BEAUMARIS ART GROUP GALLERY
84-98 Reserve Road, Beaumaris

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