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Family Life Sexuality Education for Years 1 to 6

A reminder to Years 1 to 6 families that bookings for the Family Life Parent and Child sessions are due on Wednesday 2 September. The sessions will be held on Wednesday 9 September in the SALC. Three sessions will be offered for Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 students and their families. Experienced educators in Sexuality Education run the sessions and in past years parents have found it to be an ideal introduction to the important facts of life for their children. Family Life requires at least 10 families are enrolled for each session in order for the program to run. Please follow the link above to access the full notice and booking form.

Class Fruit Bowls

Due to the massive amount of fruit which is being thrown away by students every day we are going to trial a new system where each classroom has a communal fruit bowl, and if a student doesn’t want to eat their fruit or take it home, they can place it in the bowl, and maybe eat it later in the day.

Bearing in mind that teachers encourage children to eat their fruit or take it home if they’re not eating it, we are still having to deal with mountains of fruit (whole, untouched pieces) and our compost bins are overflowing. This is one way we hope to avoid such a large amount of waste and also encourage students to think about the waste also. On Fridays during our Sustainability session from 2.30-3.00, teachers will offer the fruit to the children as an afternoon snack and hopefully it will be eaten rather than wasted.

FOOTY COIN DRIVE AND FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST TOMORROW!

Tomorrow is our annual Father’s Day Breakfast and Footy Coin Drive and we look forward to our dads and special friends joining in the fun of this very special morning.

7.30am - A tasty breakfast will be served under the shade cloth area near the canteen (ticketed pre-orders only). All students and dads are encouraged to dress up in their football team colours and have a kick around with the footy.

9am—Students will assemble outside in their teams, join in the parade and pop their coins in their team’s bucket. They will then be weighed. Which team will win this year?

9.45am - Our much anticipated Students vs Teachers footy game will be held on the oval. The teachers have been training in a secret training camp with ‘Coach Skewes’ to attempt keep the trophy!

The morning will finish at approximately 10.30 am.

We look forward to seeing our community in their football colours! Donations will go to our World Vision Child and State Schools Relief. Thank you for your support.

The teachers at Beaumaris Primary School would like to invite all the parents and families to the first community coffee morning.

The idea is to create an opportunity for teachers and parents to catch up at the end of term for a social chat and enjoy a cup of coffee. Coffee can be purchased from Pete’s Coffee Cart.

Date: Thursday 17th September.
Time: 8.30am - 8.55am
Location: Under the shade cloth

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Family Life Victoria will conduct a Sexuality Education Program on Thursday, October 15, 2015

Our programs support parents to help their children learn about aspects of human sexuality. These entertaining and valuable sessions are not to be missed.

Session 1 | Where Did I Come From? | Years 3-4
Session 2 | Preparing for Puberty | Years 5-6

Admission: One session - $20 per family
Two or more sessions - $15 per family

Books available for sale
Cash or Credit Card only
SUSHI SPECIAL LUNCH DAY - Friday 11th September
All orders are to be received by 9am on Monday 7th September - preferably via Qkr.

THE SNACK SHACK NEWS
The Snack Shack will operate as usual tomorrow for Footy Day. Due to the Sushi Special Lunch day on Friday 11th September, The Snack Shack will NOT be offering lunch orders but will be open at recess and lunch for counter sales. Also, a reminder that The Snack Shack is completely closed during the last week of term. Thank you to the students who have submitted their designs for the new look Snack Shack.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR CENTENARY/HISTORY PUZZLE CLEAN UP
On Tuesday 15th at 9.10am in the Staffroom for about an hour, we need some volunteers to help dismantle various displays. Any time that you can manage would be greatly appreciated.

SUPER SOCCER
Play Soccer with your friends in the Kelly Sports Soccer Clinic. Now with 2 levels of coaching. Beginners (prep-1) and Soccer Squad (y 2+)

COST: Soccer $125
enrol online go to www.kellysports.com.au and search for Beaumaris
VENUE: on school oval
Introducing KidsMatter Primary

Good mental health is vital for life. Children who are mentally healthy are better able to meet life’s challenges and have stronger relationships with the people around them. They are also better learners who are more likely to succeed at school. Good mental health in childhood provides a solid basis for managing changes as they grow.

On the other hand, children who are exposed to multiple stressors – such as a family breakdown, poverty, abuse, racism, bullying, or the mental illness of a parent – are at a higher risk of developing emotional or behavioural problems that can continue into adulthood.

It’s not always possible to tell which children will develop difficulties, so it’s important to consider the wellbeing of all children.

The good news is that KidsMatter Primary is all about growing healthy minds. KidsMatter is a mental health and wellbeing framework that helps schools focus on the development of all their students in partnership with families. It was developed by mental health and education experts and has already made a big difference to the lives of Australian children.

Does KidsMatter Primary work?

KidsMatter Primary works because it unites all the people that influence children’s mental health most – families, school staff and the wider community.

KidsMatter Primary can help improve:
- the mental health and wellbeing of students
- the quality of their school work
- the ability of parents, carers and teaching staff to help children deal with problems
- NAPLAN results – when schools implement KidsMatter Primary well.

KidsMatter Primary was developed in collaboration with beyondblue, the Australian Psychological Society, and the Principals Australia Institute, with funding from the Australian Government’s Department of Health and Ageing and beyondblue.

How does KidsMatter Primary work?

When schools take on KidsMatter Primary, they build on the work they are already doing to support students’ mental health and wellbeing. First, they form an Action Team to represent the whole-school community and to co-ordinate and lead the implementation of the initiative. The Action Team reviews the schools’ current efforts across four focus areas (or ‘components’). They look for ways they can strengthen these efforts, and then take action using a step-by-step planning process.

Every school is different, with different needs for their students and families. The KidsMatter Primary framework covers four components that have shown to be highly successful in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children.

1 2 3 4
Positive school community

Positive and respectful relationships at school help children and families feel that they belong and that their contributions are valued. A positive school community also gives children a sense of security that their needs will be met. Research shows that when children and families feel connected to school, children are less likely to develop mental health difficulties and are more likely to succeed academically.

How can families help?

Families are the biggest influence on children’s mental health and play a very important role in KidsMatter. Children benefit when the important people in their lives work together and have a shared understanding of their development and their needs. KidsMatter Primary has developed a range of information sheets with parenting tips and strategies to help all Australian families support the wellbeing of their children. View them online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au

If your child’s school is participating in KidsMatter Primary, there are many things you can do to help make it a success:

- Read the KidsMatter Primary information sheets to further your understanding about children’s mental health.
- Develop relationships with staff, so you can share knowledge and information about how they can support your child.
- Get involved in the Action Team.
- Ask staff how KidsMatter Primary is being implemented.
- Participate in school activities to build a sense of community.
- Respond to any school requests for ideas or information.
- Talk to other parents and carers about ways the school can support your needs.
- Let the school know what skills or talents you are happy to share.

Social and emotional learning for students

Learning how to manage feelings and get on with others is an important part of children’s development. It helps them become better learners and feel good about themselves. Teaching children social and emotional skills as part of the school curriculum gives them tools for coping with emotions, solving problems and learning more effectively.

Working with parents and carers

In order to promote children’s mental health and wellbeing, it makes sense for families and schools to work closely together. Schools can support parents and carers by providing useful parenting information and resources, and by connecting them with further assistance if required.

Helping children with mental health difficulties

It can make a significant difference when children and families are able to access mental health intervention early. KidsMatter primary schools learn to respond more effectively to children’s mental health difficulties by recognising and responding to concerns that may need follow-up. They can provide information to families and develop links with health and community agencies in their local area.

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LEVEL LOW DOWN
Foundation

What a busy week it has been for our Prep children! Our Maths focus this week has been measuring objects using informal units such as hands, pencils, unifix, feet and paddle pop sticks. We made the most of the sun and measured ourselves using an informal unit of our choice. By giving the children a choice of what they used it differentiates the task and challenges the individual at their level of learning. In literacy this week we read a book called ‘Freddy and the Fairy’ which was all about ways in which to speak clearly. There were three golden rules that the children wrote down and they may have read them to you at home as our English focus is to pronounce words correctly. Please encourage your child to slow down when talking and pronounce the whole word. A lot of them are excited about ‘vestigations’ instead of investigations and the ‘struction’ room instead of construction.

Year One

Down in Year One this week we have been busy enjoying Investigations. Popular areas of the week have included: Kinetic sand, science table, painting, making block buildings and writing letters. We also started learning about information reports and we realised they are actually not that hard! We have had a go at writing a report all about ourselves and our favourite animals. What would you write an information report about?

Year Two

Last week was ‘Hearing Awareness Week’. 2C was lucky enough to have Rose Baernreuther (our school’s visiting teacher for the hearing impaired) teach us some helpful strategies to communicate with someone who has a hearing loss. One of the strategies was using Auslan (Australian Sign Language). We learnt how to fingerspell using the Auslan alphabet. Have a go! Can you spell your name using Auslan?

Year Three

Meanwhile in Year 3...

Students are busily working on their Educational Research Projects. We are continuing to collect research at home about one of the four learning intentions and bring it in to school to work on our presentations. Here are our learning intentions for Science:

- Understand the difference between living and non-living things
- Investigate how solids and liquids are affected by heat
- Understand the position of the Earth in the solar system and why we experience night and day
- Explore how heat can be transferred from one object to another

We look forward to presenting our learning to parents, students and special guests on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 2:30pm. We’d love to see you there.
**Year Four**

- Wow! Look at our wonderful new Shared Learning Space. We were all very busy last week helping the staff and students to move their belongings into our new area. We have begun researching material for our Science ERPs and writing the information in our own words for homework.
- In week 9 on Tuesday (September the 8th), many of our students will be competing in the District Athletics for the first time.
- Currently students are putting their finishing touches to their Zaishus panels in preparation for the upcoming Zaishu Art Show. The Zaishu Art Show Preview for the Year 4 students will be held on the 11th of September from 4pm to 6pm at Beaumaris Art Group Gallery (84-98 Reserve Road, Beaumaris).
- Footy Day is on Friday the 4th of September, so please remind students to wear their footy colours and bring your enthusiasm and your donations for State Schools Relief.
- Just a reminder, it’s the Father’s Day breakfast before school on Footy Day this Friday.
- On Friday the 4th (Footy Day), Noah’s father Sven is coming to speak to the Year 4 students about Chemical Science.
- There are less than two weeks until the closing date for the Premiers Reading Challenge; all data must be entered by the 14th of September.

![Image of students working]

**Year Five**

Heading towards the end of term is a great time for us to apply our learning to the preparation of research projects (ERPs). Students are; writing scientific reports and biographies, representing numerical data as graphs and tables, and interpreting results to make sense of scientific concepts covered during science lessons. Parents attending our afternoon Science Expo on Friday 11th September (3:00pm -4:00pm) will be able to see the results collected from a range of experiments that link student interests to the various elements of science we worked on this term.

Congratulations to our Lawn Bowlers for being crowned winners in our district on Monday. They will be competing in a state final soon.

All the best to our representatives chosen for district athletics. They will be competing next Tuesday at Duncan McKinnon Reserve.

Students and teachers are very excited about the upcoming Footy Day events this Friday including breakfast, coin collection and football match.

**Year Six**

This week in year 6 we have been busy with rehearsals, we would like to share with you some quotes from the students:

**6P**

Mimi: This week the costume fittings are underway. The students are all really excited about the production and are enjoying the rehearsals. Special thanks to all the people who made the costumes.

**6C**

Aaron: We have really enjoyed the lead up to Aladdin Junior and we are looking forward to the big night.

**6J**

Ruaraidh: We have spent a lot of time working on this project and we hope our school community really enjoy the musical.
You're invited to our BOOK FAIR!

Monday 7th Sept - Thurs 10th
8.30 am - 4 pm
Place Rooms 27-28

70 years books light up our world
Celebrating Children's Book Week 2015!
**SPRING LEGO HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

**Master Builder** – Design and create without instructions

**Science & Technology** – Explore simple machines, catapults, cranes and more!

**Fun Games** – Enjoy participating in a range of LEGO® games and activities

**Learning Activities** – Engage with creative LEGO® tasks, puzzles and challenges

The program is planned, organised and run by Penny and James Yerondais, two qualified primary teachers with over 20 years of teaching experience.

**Where:** Mentone Primary School (Library)  
6 Childers Street, Mentone

**Cost:** $45 per child

**When:**  
Tuesday 22nd of September 1pm – 4pm (ages: 6-12)  
Thursday 24th of September 1pm – 4pm (ages: 4-6)  
Tuesday 29th of September 1pm – 4pm (ages: 6-12)  
Thursday 1st of October 1pm – 4pm (ages: 6-12)

**Bookings are limited so please contact:**

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