FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Beaumaris Primary School Council 2015

On behalf of the school community we would like to thank the five parents who nominated for the five vacancies on School Council. As the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies an election was not required.

On Tuesday, at a gathering prior to our School Council meeting, we welcomed Mr Roger Grocott, Ms Ami Russell and Mr Sean Santoro as new parent members. Michael Scott and Simon Wilson renominated and will continue as parent members. Council nominated Mr Tony Falkingham and Mr Shane Dawes to fill two community member vacancies. Miss Beth Wilson and Mr Neven Paleka were nominated as Department of Education members.

We farewelled retiring members Mrs Megan Martin, Mrs Ellie Hilton and Dr Jill Blackman. On behalf of the school community we would like to acknowledge their contribution as councillors for a number of years.

Council conveyed sincere thanks to Megan for her leadership as School Council President last year. Megan described her time as President as enjoyable and rewarding. Megan’s youngest child completed Year 6 last year. Megan assured council she will still continue her association with the school and she is leaving with many happy memories.

Both Ellie and Jill have indicated they will continue to support the school in a variety of ways this year and we are truly fortunate to have their expertise to help us bring significant projects to fruition. Ellie will continue to coordinate our Centenary Project and Jill will continue to co-facilitate the Artists in Schools Project, and assist with grants applications and the fete.

Congratulations to the following School Council Executive Members for 2015:

President Tony Falkingham
Vice President Scott Patterson
Treasurer Sean Santoro
Secretary Ami Russell

Oval maintenance — the oval will be unavailable until next term.

We are in the middle of fertilising, seeding and top dressing the oval. It is timely as the ground is still warm and there is wet weather on the way to help the grass along. The oval will be out of use until next term.

Working Bee - A Friendly Reminder: Year 6 and Foundation Families

Please come along this Sunday March 22nd from 9-11.30am to help with some general minor maintenance and tidying up around the school. A couple of hours can make a big difference. We will conclude the morning with a Sausage Sizzle. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and helps ensure the grounds are well presented for our students.

Easter Raffle Donations

This annual event is a highlight for our students. We are all hoping the Easter Bunny might hop along to our assembly. We will have to wait and see. Thank you to all families for their generosity. The donations are certainly piling up in the front office! Mrs Meehan is currently surrounded by a great wall of chocolate bunnies!
Centenary Journals Project
Thank you to the first round of parents for their contributions to their class journal and for returning the journal yesterday ready to pass on to the next family.

Sheryl M. Skewes  Neven Paleka
Principal    Assistant Principal

Canteen News
The canteen is now closed for the rest of the term for sales and lunch orders. Volunteer notices for the rest of the year are going home with students today. Could all existing volunteers as well as any new interested volunteers, please complete and return the notice to the office by next Wednesday 25th March. I will put a roster together during the holidays and email you all before the beginning of term. Happy holidays, Ellie Hilton.

Sushi Special Lunch Day Tomorrow
Just a reminder that it is Sushi Special Lunch Day tomorrow.

Centenary
Can you help find some display boards? We have hundreds of photographs to display for our Open Day on Saturday 2nd May. We have contacted some local organisations (schools, libraries, art group, Rotary) who have been kind enough to lend us some but we need so many more. Do you know of anybody else who has any portable display boards which we could use for the next 6 weeks to put our displays together and return to them in mid-May? If so, please provide a name and phone number to the office ASAP.
Also, our Centenary Volunteers meet again next Thursday 26th March at 9am in the staffroom. All welcome.

Desperately Seeking
We would love to hear from you if there are three generations of your family who have attended Beaumaris Primary School. If YOU and one of YOUR PARENTS one of YOUR GRANDPARENTS attended AND you are all able to be involved in a project for the Centenary, please let the office know.

Japanese
Thank you to our Japanese assistants, Rika H, Keiko and Rika F for all their help this term. You presence enhances our Japanese program and the students love having you in the classroom.
We also thank the Wallbrink family for hosting Rika F for the last month without the generosity of our families programs like this would not be possible.

Rika Fujiki Keiko Nonake Rika Hodgens
"Artists in Schools - A Victorian Government Initiative"

BPS is very proud to announce that we have won a coveted Artist in Schools 2015 grant from Arts Victoria. Throughout Terms 2 and 3, award winning designer and artist Matthew Butler will be working with all of our Year 4 students on a cultural art project called ‘The History Puzzle’. In this, the school’s centenary year, and in light of the 1994 fire which destroyed historical records, Matthew and the year 4 students will ‘put the puzzle back together’, restoring the school’s historic identity. Students will source fragments of the school’s lost history and visually interpret the information onto puzzle-like panels that interconnect to make furniture. The furniture-art works will be exhibited publicly and then installed throughout the school as a permanent visual and functional record of the schools heritage.

Matthew Butler is trained in Industrial design and architecture and has facilitated numerous community based cultural art and design projects in India, Cambodia, Sweden, Germany, Fiji, Argentina and throughout Australia. Matthew runs his own art / design practice from his studio at the Abbotsford convent and has written and teaches the design program at RMIT University in Social, Environmental and Ethical responsibility. Matthew’s Zaishu project (pictured) is used by teachers in the VCE curriculum and has featured on the final year exam.

We look forward to sharing with you more details of the Year 4s History Puzzle journey as it unfolds. We will be calling for volunteer parents to work with small groups of the Year 4s in relation to their research or art. Stay tuned for more details.

Sarah Bracey and Beth Wilson

Congratulations to Declan, Violet, Luke and Mats who all took place in TRYathlon at Catani Gardens, St Kilda on 8th March.

**BOLLYWOOD AT ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK!**

Professional Bollywood dancers and Beaumaris Term 1 Bollywood students will be putting on a show at assembly on 20th March 2015. Come along and watch the colourful show after 3pm.

Enrolments for Term 2 Bollywood dancing are now open. Save $20 with the Earlybird special by enrolling before 24/3/15.

Jagriti Bhatia

Ignite Bollywood Dance Company
Phone: 0423 080 724

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**Beaumaris Primary Bollywood Dancing**

For boys and girls, Prep - Gr 6

**Hurry! Term 2 Enrolments Now Open. Early bird $80 before 24th March (Save $20).**

Enrolment forms available at the school office. Classes are Tuesdays afterschool. Questions? Call Jag on 0423 080 724
LEVEL LOW DOWN

Foundation

As a follow up from the Sue Fine (Maths consultant) parent session, please remember that if you are helping your child with maths at home use the terms 'and' when adding, 'take away' when subtracting and 'makes' instead of equals. The terms add, plus, subtract , minus and equals are too abstract to use at this stage.

During investigations, tinkering areas provide opportunities to pull apart, to plan, to rebuild and to construct. It may include screwdrivers, goggles, keys, padlocks, old clocks and machines (no glass). The tinkering learning area promotes the language of skill, higher order thinking and the conceptual understandings the students discover as they tinker. If you are having a clean out in the holidays we would love some more machines and appliances to tinker with next term.

If you have any old teddy bears at home (in good condition) that are looking for a new home our Foundation classes are looking to take them in. The students would like to read to the teddies and have picnics with them.

Year One

We’ve had another jam packed week this week in Year One! We had a lot of fun at the Buddy Lunch on Thursday where we meet some new people from different year levels. We played games and had a chat about lots of different things. Hopefully we’ll see each other in the playground soon and pick up where we left off. We’re winding up for the end of term so please make sure you bring any library books back before we break for our term holidays. We cannot believe we’ve almost completed our first term of Year One.

Year Two

This term our subject learning focus has been Geography and we have been exploring maps of Beaumaris, maps of Australia and world globes. The students have been learning about the differences between Beaumaris, Melbourne, Victoria and Australia and have enjoyed sharing travel experiences with their classmates. Some students are even able to recognise their own street using Google maps! In Term 2 we will explore History and this will link nicely with our school centenary celebrations in May.

We enjoyed the ‘Friendship Lunch’ today and introduced ourselves to many new friends across different levels of the school. It was a great opportunity to build our friendship groups.

In preparation for Term 2, if you have any unwanted items for our sensory or construction areas, please bring them to school and we will happily put them to good use! Keep an eye out for a special something in the mailbox :)

Year Three

This week in Year 3 we have been focussing on our mini Educational Research Projects (ERPs). As you know the students chose a natural feature of Australia to research. The students are really enjoying learning different facts about their features and compiling their understandings on to a poster. We are very proud how well the students are using their ERP time in class.
Max “I chose Uluru because my Mum climbed it which made me want to learn about it”
Indi “I also chose Uluru because I didn’t know anything about it”
JJ “My Great Grandma is named after the first boat to go through the Murray river”
Thomas “I chose the great Barrier Reef because I didn’t know much about it!”
Che “I’m researching the Great Sandy Desert because I didn’t know much about it."
Paige “I’m researching the Great Barrier Reef because it’s a fun place”

**Year Four**

This week the year 4 students have begun their information reports on their chosen natural environment. Today we participated in the whole school buddy lunch and everyone now has some new friends across the school. Organisation for camp is well underway and we suggest everyone has a good rest this weekend in preparation for our trip to Warburton. Students need to be at school on Monday 23rd March around 8:30am leaving their luggage near the busses on the Herbert Street side of the school. Please do not attach sleeping bags to the outside of bags. Cases stack better without the sleeping bags attached. Below are some photos from last week’s trip to Ricketts Point.

**Year Five**

Year 5 ERPs are coming to the final stages of completion and the results are fantastic. We are all looking forward to our first Expo next Wednesday at 8.30 am, - 9.30am. The students will talk to their ERP and demonstrate their understanding of our history learning intentions using their individual interests. We hope you can make it !

In English the students are at various stages of writing, editing and publishing their historical narratives. You will be able to enjoy reading these at the Expo next week.

In maths this week, students participated in rotations amongst the three year 5 classes to consolidate their understanding of decimal fractions. They explored models using LAB, numeral expanders and number lines, having lots of fun along the way.

**Year Six**

The year six students have been working very hard this week. We are at the final stage of preparing are ERPS for our expo on Monday 23rd March. Sport this week will be exciting, Friday we are participating in a double header, in the last round for the term. Let’s hope there is wins all round as the students have been training hard at the practice sessions. The year six leadership teams are busy with their roles within the school. The Junior School Council had a great response to their involvement with community radio, on Friday 13th March, they have all started getting topics ready for term two. The friendship team have organised a friendship lunch for this Thursday and will give all students across the school a wonderful opportunity to make new friendships. Students are particularly enjoying our maths activities in relation to BORDMAS and are aspiring to the challenges of persuasive writing with some interesting topics being discussed. A reminder that our expo will be on Monday 23rd March at 8:45am and the Working Bee will be for year 6 Sunday 22nd March from 9am-1130am followed by a sausage sizzle. See you there!
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB....

Easter Raffle and donations
Thank you to all of those families who have already returned tickets for the Easter raffle and donated some Easter eggs for this fundraising activity. A reminder that we are also taking collections for Family Life who will be present at Assembly on this day to collect some of our donations and non perishable items that families have donated for this charity. Donations and tickets to be returned to the office by Thursday 26th March.

Bulb Catalogues
We are co-ordinating our annual bulb fundraising activity for Garden Club. Catalogues for bulb orders will be distributed to families next week and due for return the week starting 20th April. All bulbs will be delivered in time for Mother’s Day making a lovely present for the gardening girls in your family.

Wallbrink Open Garden Day BBQ
As part of the Open Garden day weekend, Steve and Karen Wallbrink have generously offered our school the opportunity to raise funds for our Garden Club. We are providing a BBQ on each of the days and require volunteers to assist with this. The times are 11.00am – 1.00pm and 1.00pm – 3.00pm on both Saturday and Sunday. If anyone can assist with this, please contact the school office who will forward your details onto Steve Wallbrink.

Scholastic
Thank you to everyone who ordered from Issue 2 of the book club. Books will be distributed as soon as they have been delivered. The fantastic news is we have earned $231 credit from Issue 2 which brings our total to $510.50 so far this year along with $136 from last year so our grand total is $646.50 which is fabulous. Happy reading over the holidays. Many thanks Ness

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
Don’t forget to check the Community Noticeboard for Local information:
 Elite All Stars Cheerleading workshops, Murrumbeena
 Beaumaris Farmers Market
 Build It 4 Kids—Easter Program
 Gnome and Fairy Festival, Mordialloc Sunday March 29
 Cat Protection—Adopt a cat or kitten

Week 6 – Friday March 20 - Double Header – 9AM to 12.30PM

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Lost in concentration

It’s more challenging than ever to be present with our kids, and so easy to get lost in concentration on a device. Here are 5 tips to really impact and make the most of every opportunity you have with your kids.

When you are fully present you can:

1. **Build their language**
   Recently, I saw a mother walking side by side with a young toddler playing a simple language game. She would make a sound with her mouth and her young son would mimic her. She charged or added to the sounds and her son tried to replicate the sounds. This is language building at its most natural and finest, and wouldn’t have happened if this mother was not on the mobile phone rather than being present with her child. Whether you are with a toddler, primary aged child or a teen, the language building opportunities are endless. You just have to focus on the one you are with and let things happen naturally.

2. **Teach your children about their world**
   Most children are naturally curious and will ask lots of questions. “Why do dogs bark?” “Why is the sun round?” “Where do babies come from?” Yes, some are simple, some are hard to answer and some you are just not ready for. But it’s through these simple interactions that you become your child’s first and most important teacher. My hunch is that most kids will stop asking these questions of you if your attention is focused elsewhere, such as on a mobile phone or other electronic device.

3. **Impact their thinking**
   Influential British educator Charles Des Forges says, “If you want to influence your child’s thinking then you need to talk to him. If parents want more influence then they need to talk more to their children.” According to Des Forges it’s through the conversations that parents have with their children that they impact the way they think, as well as influence their values. Nothing kills personal conversation with a child or young person like a mobile device.

There are five big opportunities available to you as a parent if you, like Sonia, choose to be in the moment when you have children.


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