

# PREP NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2019



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 1. We have a fabulous term planned for the students. We hope you find the information below helpful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or class parent representative.

Thank you and kind regards,  
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In Mathematics we will be learning to:	In English we will be learning to:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● touch, move and count to 10</li> <li>● connect number names, numerals and quantities to 10</li> <li>● correctly form numerals 0 - 9</li> <li>● count the number of days we have been at school, as part of our '100 Days of School'</li> <li>● play games that require recognition of dice patterns</li> <li>● subitising (dot patterns) – “what do you see and how do you see it?”</li> <li>● recognise, describe and draw simple 2D shapes</li> <li>● discuss days of the week</li> <li>● follow simple directions</li> <li>● use positional language to describe the location of objects</li> <li>● make and extend patterns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● demonstrate whole body listening</li> <li>● hold a pencil correctly</li> <li>● recognise and write names in Victorian School writing</li> <li>● form letters from the correct starting point</li> <li>● communicate ideas through drawing and writing (using the phrase “Have a go, you never know”)</li> <li>● identify upper and lower case letters</li> <li>● identify common sounds and the letters to represent these sounds</li> <li>● contribute ideas to discussions</li> <li>● ask simple questions</li> <li>● sequence a small number of ideas when speaking</li> <li>● understand and follow simple instructions</li> <li>● recognise some memory words</li> <li>● predict what may happen in a story</li> <li>● identify the characters and setting in a story</li> <li>● point to each word as we read (one to one correspondence)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Timetable</b></p> 	<p>Students should arrive at school no later than 8:50am to meet and greet friends, discuss the day ahead, go to the toilet if needed and settle down after the morning rush. School starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.30pm Recess 10.40am – 11.10am      Lunch 1.00pm – 1.50pm outside Students are given time to eat their food, prior to going outside to play.</p>
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<p><b>Out of Hours School Care</b> <b>-Camp Australia</b></p>	<p>Students must <b>not</b> be left alone in the school yard before 8.45 or after 3.45. If you have to leave your child before or after these times, you must book them into Out of Hours School Care (OHSC) as there is no yard supervision. The OHSC program is run through Camp Australia. Bookings need to be made through their website. <b>Please notify Camp Australia and your classroom teacher if you pick up your child from the classroom when they are already booked in to attend OHSC.</b></p>
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<p><b>After School Pick Up</b></p> 	<p>If you are going to be late to pick up your child, please ring the office (ph. 9589 2619) to inform them. In unforeseen circumstances, your child will be taken to the office at 3.45pm by a teacher or yard duty staff. The office staff will phone you. If your child is going home with a friend or different family member, please remind your child and inform your class teacher.</p>
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<p><b>Closing of school gates</b></p>	<p>To assist with student safety and wellbeing, all school gates will be closed at 9.15am until 3.00 pm. If you need to enter the school between these times please enter and exit through the office and sign in or out.</p>
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<p><b>Specialists</b></p> 	<p>This may change once students begin school full time (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March)</p>				
<p><b>Library</b></p>	<p><b>Prep C</b> TBC</p>	<p><b>Prep H</b> TBC</p>	<p><b>Prep P</b> TBC</p>	<p><b>Prep S</b> TBC</p>	
<p><b>Performing Arts</b></p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>Thursday</p>	
<p><b>Physical Education</b></p>	<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Friday</p>	
<p><b>Art</b></p>	<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Friday</p>	
<p><b>Japanese</b></p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Friday</p>	<p>Thursday</p>	

<p><b>Homework</b></p> <p><b>Reading</b> <b>Sound Pack</b> <b>Writing</b></p>	<p>In Prep, it is expected that parents will support their children to practise their reading and sound pack at home.</p> <p>Reading should be an enjoyable experience for all family members. In addition to a library book, and picture story books at home, your child will bring home 2-3 readers each Monday. Initially, the purpose is to encourage positive reading behaviours such as looking at the cover, predicting what the story may be about, turning the pages and pointing to the words. There is no expectation that your child will be able to read these books independently straight away. Everyone learns to read at their own pace.</p> <p>We ask that you use the <i>Sound Pack</i> to consolidate the learning that takes place each day in our literacy block. Information will be provided as to which cards to focus on with your child and how to use these effectively.</p> <p>Please provide your child with writing materials, paper, glue and scissors to use at their leisure. Practise writing shopping lists, birthday cards or notes to friends.</p>
<p><b>Nude food lunches</b></p>	<p>All students are encouraged to bring 'nude food' lunches. A nude food lunch has no foil, gladwrap or any other packaging. Please unwrap and throw any rubbish out at home, to help us significantly reduce the amount of rubbish scattered throughout our school. Your child needs to be able to manage the opening and closing of lunch containers independently. A labelled drink bottle containing water is highly encouraged. Research shows that children learn best when they are well hydrated.</p>
<p><b>School Uniform</b></p>	<p>Our Beaumaris PS school uniform should be worn correctly and be in good condition. Please ensure all items of clothing are <b>named</b>. Check the lost property cupboard near the art room for any missing items. Please ensure hair longer than shoulder length (for girls and boys) is tied up and hair accessories are school colours only. Jewellery is not part of the Beaumaris PS school uniform, including coloured wrist and ankle bands. Students may only wear small stud earrings. School uniform is worn on excursions.</p>
<p><b>Sun smart</b></p>	<p>We encourage students to apply sunscreen before going to school. Extra sunscreen is available in the classroom. 'Hats away, 1<sup>st</sup> of May. 1<sup>st</sup> of September, hats to remember'.</p>
 <p><b>Communication</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General information and upcoming events are published in <u>Stop Press</u>, our school newsletter. A link is emailed out to parents every Thursday and can be accessed via the Beaumaris Primary website. <a href="http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/">http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/</a> Please ensure you read our Stop Press every week. Links to other notices are also provided online. This link provides important information relating to school management, procedures and dates and highlights our exciting Learning and Teaching programs.</li> <li>• <b>Please check your child's 'seagull pocket' of their schoolbag daily for any notices.</b></li> <li>• The Prep communication board is located at the end of the Prep Learning Centre (opposite the 5/6 building). You will find the current learning intentions, Statement of Intent and other relevant information for Prep.</li> <li>• Teachers will be outside their classrooms from 3.30pm-3.40pm each day, to informally catch up with parents. If you have a specific concern, please make an appointment with the class teacher.</li> <li>• <b>REMINDER:</b> All teachers are required at staff meetings and professional development sessions every Monday and Wednesday from 3.45pm and thus are unable to meet with you on these days. Teachers are also required at staff briefing every morning at 8:45am.</li> <li>• Our Facebook page will also update parents to daily events and reminders.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Absences</b></p>	<p>If your child is absent, you can email the office on <a href="mailto:beaumaris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au">beaumaris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au</a> or use the link on our website to advise your class teacher of their absence.</p> <p>If not sent through by email, we require written verification of student absence (not in the student diary). <b>In addition to this, any student arriving after 9:00 am or leaving the school before 3:30pm require a late/early pass.</b> This is to be collected at the office and presented to the classroom teacher. Students must be collected by an adult if leaving the school. Phone: 03 9589 2619</p>

<b>Personalised learning</b>	The Walker Learning Approach provides an authentic personalised learning model of teaching and learning. This model engages students in meaningful and relevant strategies that enhance academic skills, alongside social and emotional development.
<b>Parent Helpers</b>	Once we feel the students are ready as a whole year level, the Prep teachers will begin to invite parents in to the classroom to help with reading and other literacy activities. We cannot predict which term this will happen (each year, each class and each student adapts at different times) but we will be sure to let you know as soon as possible! We love having parents in the classroom!
<b>Birthdays</b>	Children can bring a treat to share on their birthday – nut and egg free please!
<b>Important dates for the diary!</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wednesdays – no school due to English and Maths testing, students begin full week after Labour Day Long weekend (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March)</li> <li>● Prep Information Night – Week 3 (date to be confirmed)</li> <li>● Prep Reading and Phonics Information Session - Week 4 (date to be confirmed)</li> <li>● Labour Day Holiday - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>● Easter Bonnet Parade - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ul>