FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Student Leaders Investiture Whole School Assembly Monday 24th at 9.15am.

Congratulations to..

School Captains: Jack Pavlidis and Hanna Schmidt
Vice Captains: Ethan Butler and Beth Tedstone
House Captains: Murray—Archie Padley and Chloe Boul
Flinders—Andrew Hilton and Drew Barclay
Sturt—Hannah Schmidt and Tom Hockey
Mitchell—Denver Stroud and Claire Cottrell

Sustainability Captains: April Brake and Frankie Varsamis
I.C.T. Captains: Mitchell Kershaw and Denver Stroud
Visual Arts Captains: Isla McAllister and Kayleigh McFadries
Japanese Captains: Chloe Daniels and Ned Giddings
Performing Arts Captains: Kim Sheridan and Zoe O’Leary
Library Captains: Oliver Whitla-Sigge and Sienna Field
Junior School Council: Anna Bowyer, Rosie Byrne, Ethan James, Megan Wyatt, Adam Carnegie, Aidan Scott, Jessica Armstrong, Nicola Hansford, Saba Bennett, Millie Backman, Sacha Ferguson, Scarlett Hawkins

LINKS BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL

1. Parent Information Evenings

Our Year 5, Year 6 and Prep Parent Information sessions were held last night, where our teachers outlined the classroom programs and ways in which parents can help at school and at home. A number of parents remarked how much they appreciated the expanded information about their child’s program, our detailed planning and ongoing assessment processes.

2. Mathematics Parent information Session with Year 1 and 2 parents

Sue Fine, our in school mathematics consultant, described how families can support their child’s mathematical understanding. Sue outlined the importance of using everyday situations to enable their child to apply their mathematical knowledge. Sue emphasised how parents can encourage their child to think mathematically and work mathematically. Her presentation for Year Prep, 1 and 2 can be found on our website.

DIARY DATES

Monday 24 February
Student Leaders Investiture
9.15—10.15am SALC

Wednesday 26 February
Sustainability Student Leadership Group Yr 5&6

Monday 3 March
School Photo Day
Individual student and family photos

Tuesday 4 March
Parent Club meeting 9am
Staffroom
District Swimming Carnival-MSAC

Wednesday 5 March
Presentation by Julie Shepherd
9.15am—10.15am
The English Curriculum in Years 1 & 2, ways to support your child at home

Monday 10 March
Labour Day Holiday

Wednesday 12 March
Sustainability Student Leadership Group 5&6

Wed. 12—Friday 14 March
Year 4 Camp Arrabri Lodge

Friday 4 April
End of Term
2.30pm Dismissal
3. Community Conversation with David Anderson.
Thank you to the parents who attended. Parent feedback and input is greatly appreciated and highly valued. The information collected will be discussed by the Leadership Team and our Education Committee and will inform our work this year.

4. BFAC Get Together on Tuesday Evening this week.
What a fabulous way to spend the evening. A BBQ and a chance to meet new friends and reconnect with familiar faces. A lot of new faces attended on Tuesday which was great as BFAC is always looking to expand the group.
To all the dads out there please make the most of this group. They have a lot of fun together at their own events and when helping out at school events. Thank you to Cameron Hockey for organising the evening.

Rachel Fox WLA Consultant

Rachel Fox is our in school consultant for the Walker Learning Approach. Some parents may have met Rachel as she has visited our school many times with Kathy Walker. Rachel has worked with all class teachers and Specialist teachers this week and will continue to visit throughout the year to work with our students, teachers and parents.

Swimming Trials at Bayside Aquatics
Congratulations to all students for their effort on the day. The students competed with enthusiasm, persistence, resilience and great sportsmanship evident in the encouragement they gave each other. Thank you to Mr Bailey and Mrs Robinson for their organisation. The trials ran very smoothly.

Year 6 Camp at Merricks Lodge
The camp was highly successful. Thank you to Mr Lilburne, Mr Jarvis, Mrs Dale and Ms Lapthorne for their planning and preparation. Thank you also to the parents who attended. Your support was much appreciated. A wonderful experience that will be a lasting memory for all in the years ahead.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Neven Paleka
Assistant Principal

School Council President’s Report
The first School Council meeting for 2014 was held on Tuesday evening. Council welcomed back Sarah Bracey who returns to Council as a DEECD member. Council also thanked Jacquie Cartwright, Pernilla Eklund Allan, Anna George and Jan Smith for their dedicated service and valuable contributions to Council over recent years. As a consequence of these departures, nominations are being sought for two parent vacancies. Serving on School Council is an interesting and enriching experience, providing rewarding opportunities for contributing to the future direction of the school. Council encourages any interested parents to submit their nominations by 4pm today.

At this week’s meeting, Council discussed the proposed improvements to the Year 1 and 2 building, which involves the replacement of the corridor roof and the installation of air conditioners. These activities will be considered in conjunction with a concept/master plan which is being prepared for this building. This will provide the foundation for a well-planned infrastructure rejuvenation program, so that investments can be appropriately allocated to meet the current and future needs of the school.

The School’s Annual Implementation Plan for 2014 was signed off by Council. This plan sets out the key improvement strategies, programs and actions that will be undertaken during the year to help deliver the key objectives contained in
the school’s four year Strategic Plan. Council also approved a proposal to offer an after school Bollywood dance program to commence in term 2.

On behalf of School Council, I hope that students and teachers have commenced the year well, and we look forward to sharing the school’s progress and achievements with the school community throughout the year ahead.

Michael Scott, School Council President

Japanese Visitors to Beaumaris Primary.
Please welcome Mariko Ito to our school.

Mariko is staying with Mia Wallbrink’s family for a month. She will help with the Japanese program and we’re very grateful to Mia’s family for hosting her.
If you see her around please say konnichiwa to her.

Some information about Mariko:
We are a family of four; my parents, my brother and myself. I enjoy travelling and have visited several countries with my family friends and by myself. I consider myself an outdoor person and I enjoy scuba diving and martial arts. I also like singing and dancing to any type of music. At university I major in teaching Japanese as a second language and my future plan is to teach the Japanese language overseas. This is why I applied for TJFL program and I believe it will provide me a great opportunity to learn about teaching young children in the classroom situation.

Year 5 and 6 JAPANESE HOST FAMILIES WANTED
Going home today is a letter for our year 5 and 6 families seeking support to host our Minato-ku Japanese students who will be visiting Beaumaris Primary School in the 3rd week of term three 2014. This is always a highlight of our Japanese program and a valuable experience for host families and Minato-ku visitors. If you are able to host students at this time please contact the office staff, 9589 2619 or email: beaumaris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Napolitano Pizza loyalty program
Thank you to Rob and Nancy at Napolitano Pizza in the Concourse, we have received our first cheque this week for $140 which is their donation for all the pizzas you have been buying there since the December last year. This first donation will be earmarked for the Gardening Club to buy more plants to beautify our school grounds. This offer continues until December 2014, please see below for more details.

Purchase any large traditional pizza on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and we will donate $5 to Beaumaris primary school of every pizza sold (pick up only). This is an ongoing commitment for the next 12 months. This offer does not apply to any other specials. Retain receipt and pass it to the school to claim the $5. Please help us help the school so our kids get the best, and remember to like us on facebook (https://www.facebook.com/NapolitanoPizza) to receive vouchers and discounts.

We look forward to serving you and the community.

Rob & Nancy
LEVEL LOW DOWN

Prep
The Preps have been enjoying Big books and beginning to write their names in Victorian Modern Cursive Script (school writing). They are learning to have a go at writing and drawing in response to a text. You may hear your child say “Have a go, you never know!” as we are encouraging students to record any sounds they can hear in words. We have been on a shape hunt around our school ground and we discovered that shapes are everywhere!

Year One
The Year 1’s have had another fantastic, busy and productive week this week! In maths, we have continued to focus on our skip counting skills and confidence with counting forwards/backwards from non-zero starting points! In English, our spelling focus was ‘i’ and together, we brainstormed HEAPS of ‘i’ words. Our reading focus is PREDICTING - we are really enjoying thinking and talking about what might happen next in the story or how it might end!

Year Two
This week the Year 2s continued to explore transactional texts and making new friends. We had a special visitor for investigations-Mariko from Japan! She helped us make origami and taught us some interesting facts about Japan. It was so much fun! There was also a special wedding that took place in 2K. Cuddles (our class mascot) married Ella. It was a beautiful wedding! Just a reminder to the Year 2 parents to keep an eye on their letterboxes for a surprise that should be arriving soon.

“We don’t stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.”
George Bernard Shaw
Year Three

Year 3 students have nearly completed their time capsules which include measurements of their hand span, arm span, height and foot length as well a photo of themselves of course! It will be interesting to see the difference in measurements when they are opened at the end of the school year. The students are showing a great interest in our geographical study of Australia. We look forward to parents and friends coming in and sharing their knowledge and experience with the students. Spelling groups begun this week, everyone was very excited about working with mixed class groups. Six words will come home each week for your child to work on in readiness for a partner test on Fridays. Thank you to Cindy and Alison from 3E and Lyndi from 3S offering to be class parent reps. 3AH would love to have a parent or parents offer to assist Mrs Hebard and Mrs Angelis throughout the year. Today all Year 3s were fortunate to have maths consultant, Mrs Sue Fine, work in the classroom with them. Lots of discussion about number lines, ways of solving problems and saying VERY BIG numbers was happening during the session. Sienna said the biggest number she had said in her whole life! It was a number in the trillions!

Year Four

This week the year 4s have been exploring our subject focus of Geography, looking at maps using grids and scales, and we watched a fascinating documentary called “Australia Land Beyond Time”. We have been talking about our upcoming camp to Warburton, which will also include a visit to the Warburton Environment Education Centre, which we are very excited about.

We now have our individual book boxes to store our personal reading materials in as part of our Café Reading program.

Year Five

The Year 5 cohort have been had a busy week. They have continued their Educational Research Projects on Geography and started to work on their mapping skills identifying towns, cities and landforms in Victoria. In Maths, they have refined their skills of place value by playing a variety of games such as Place Value Battleship and Target 15237. In English, they have started to understand how persuasive texts are used to influence people and change their views.

Several Year 5 students participated in swimming trials this week. There are many talented swimmers that will represent the school in the District Swimming Carnival on March 4th. Everyone that tried out put their best effort forward. Well done to those that trialled.

This week also was the first week of sports against other schools. After two weeks of trails the teams have been named and our first opponent was Brighton Beach Primary School. It was great to see many Year 5 students competing in a variety of different sports.

Thank you to all the parents that showed up to the Parent Information Session. It was a great night and hopefully you are all well informed of the learning processes that your son or daughter is experiencing at Beaumaris Primary School.
Hello Beaumaris Families

Hope you all had a fantastic week! I am back again to give you some updates about how our week went, what we did and what’s on for the upcoming week at the service. Getting the ball rolling we had nature week at OSHC. The children loved making landscapes using dried up leaves, twigs, sticks and flowers. We made play dough pigs and snails and intend to make even more creative animals before the week ends. We also made some rain-drop clouds and falling leaf trees. I hope to put some pictures in the newsletter by next week. Watch this space...!!

We will again start to give out certificates to our lovely children for their efforts and time they put at OSHC.

For the upcoming week t will be both Olympic and Nature week, because the children still have their pending art work to be completed. Also a quick reminder, for all bookings, enquiries and changes please call our customer service team on 1300 105 343 or visit our website at www.campaustralia.com.au. To make booking for the next 48 hours, please leave a detailed message with the name of your, child, class and session that you want to make the booking for at 9589-7128 or 0452-247-837. If the booking is for the same day please leave a message with the school office as well for best communication.

All medical forms need to be submitted with the OSHC staff. For any queries or questions, please feel free to drop-in at the service.