FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Student Leaders Investiture

On Monday, students, teachers, parents, families and friends attended the investiture of our student leaders for 2014. Families and parents have watched the group develop into confident, responsible young people. Congratulations to the students and best wishes as they move into their leadership roles. Laura Cummack and Cameron Pain, BPS School Captains in 2008, attended the ceremony. We thank them for their attendance and their speeches. As past students they related fond memories of their time at our school & encouraged all students to be the best they can be. Thank you also to Jo Pyke-Simmons and Peter Jarvis for guiding the process and thank you to all Year 5 and year 6 teachers who will be supporting the student leaders and their respective teams as they take on leadership responsibilities during the year.

Spending this week using Fete Funds Total: $3,100 Thank you parents!
Five ipads, ipad cases, an ipad charger and a new portable FM Radio with CD/MP3 player with USB slot and SD card reader have been purchased for use in the Performing Arts program. The equipment is FANTASTIC and most appreciated. Storage shelving has been purchased for two Year 4 classrooms. Some funds have also been directed to the Garden Club.

Congratulations and best wishes
Mr Justin Brown, year 5 teacher, will be taking leave to be married. Congratulations to Justin and his partner Amanda. We extend our best wishes for their future happiness together.

Whole School Working Bee Sunday March 23rd 9-11.30am
Please add this date to your calendar. We hope families can come along and spend an hour or two completing simple chores around the school to ensure the grounds are well maintained for our students.

Sheryl M. Skewes  Neven Paleka
Principal  Assistant Principal

DIARY DATES

Monday 3 March
School Photo Day
Individual student and family photos (if requested)

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
Students do not attend school

Wednesday 12 March
Sustainability Student Leadership Group 5&6

Sunday 23 March
9am—11.30am
Whole school working bee

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

Friday 4 April
End of Term
2.30pm Dismissal
From the Teaching Team: Personalising Learning for our Students

Fortnightly Statement Of Intent (SOI). The Statement Of Intent (SOI) is a key part of planning; it is a dynamic, relevant and responsive planner.

It is called a Statement Of Intent for two main reasons:

1. It provides a formal set of learning intentions in all areas of development and learning (including literacy and numeracy) that are the primary focus for the coming fortnight. It breaks down into specific areas what aspects of learning can be introduced, revised or focused on in the next fortnight. It draws on term goals but is more responsive to additional or different needs of students that may arise.

2. It reminds a teacher that just because something is written in a plan, doesn’t mean it has been ‘done’, learned or achieved. The term ‘intention’ rather than ‘outcome’ is important for effective evaluation and reflection on future planning in the teaching and learning cycle.

(Kathy Walker & Shona Bass - Engagement Matters)

The SOI is printed out each fortnight for display on each of our Year Level Communication Boards. The aim of the SOI is to communicate to students parents and the teaching team the key learning intentions, skills and concepts that are being worked on each fortnightly period.

Special visitors to BPS

This week we had a very special visitor at Beaumaris Primary—Declan Prendergast came to see the staff and the students in 4P. We were all really happy to meet Declan with Mr & Mrs Prendergast who were both very proud parents (and so they should be, he is gorgeous).

Kitchen Garden

This Friday we will also be working in the kitchen garden between 11.10am and 12.50pm, cleaning up the garden beds and preparing them for our Autumn plantings. We would love any “greenthumbs” to come along and help us!

Clean Up Australia Day

This Friday 28th February year 4 students and teachers will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day and our location will be the Beaumaris Community Centre. We will be meeting at the playground near the Art Group building and each class will be responsible for one area of the centre. We would love you to join us, either at the Community Centre or you are most welcome to meet us at school and walk over at 9.15am. We will be back at school for recess at 10.40am.

Soft Plastic Collection

Please keep collecting all your soft plastic at home and remember to drop it off at Woolworths or Coles where they collect it as part of the Red Project.

Nude Food

We would like to thank everyone for making such a wonderful effort with all the healthy, nude lunches the students are bringing to school. We are very pleased with how clean our yard is, and how much we have reduced the amount of waste going to landfill. Keep up the good work!!!

Scholastic Book Club

Your child should now have brought home a Scholastic book club catalogue. If you would like to order any books please fill out the form on the back of the catalogue and return it to school by the due date. You can pay by credit card directly to Scholastic either online or over the phone. You can also pay by cheque made out to Scholastic which you send into school with your order. Please do not send cash. Your books will arrive approx. a week after the due date and will be delivered to your child’s classroom. If they are a present or you would rather collect the books yourself please either phone, text or email Ness Newell who is the book club coordinator so she can arrange this with you. Her details are 0424329008 lochnessmonst71@hotmail.com The best benefit of the book club is that school earns 20% of free books and resources for every order. The first catalogue is due back by Friday 7th March. Please contact Ness if you have any further questions.

Messages from the school office

- There will be no Gardening Club this week. Heather will be at Parent Club on Tuesday 4 March (9am staffroom) to explain how the Gardening Club works. Hope to see you there.
- Don’t forget it is photo day on Monday 3 March. All individual student photo forms (with payment) should be handed in at the office ASAP, or simply bring the forms to school for your child to give direct to the photographer. If you have more than one child at BPS and would like a family photo to be taken, please contact the office for a family photo form.
- We would like to remind all year 1-6 families to return their Student Information paperwork and Privacy Permission Forms to the office ASAP. This will ensure we hold your most up to date contact and medical information.
- Subject Contribution payments were due by 21st February. If you need a further copy of the payment form please contact the office.
Despite a recent drop in temperatures, parents are still urged to be aware of the dangers of leaving children alone in motor vehicles, so if you need to get out of the car, even for a moment, always take your child with you. **No Exceptions. No Excuses.**

A recent survey conducted by the Victorian Coalition Government found that despite sweltering through one of the hottest summers on record, one in three parents admit to leaving their children alone in a parked car. The research also demonstrated most parents underestimate how quickly the temperature inside a parked car can rise and the devastating impact this has on a child.

Even if the outside temperature is 30 degrees the temperature inside can reach up to 50 degrees in a matter of minutes. The Victorian Government is reminding all parents travelling with a child that if you need to get out of the car, even for just one minute, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

A reminder to parents and carers:

- A car’s temperature starts to rise from the moment the door is closed and can be double the outside temperature in minutes.
- Even when it’s 30 degrees outside, your child could be sweltering in up to 60 degree heat.
- It is not worth the risk – if you are travelling with a child and you need to get out of the car, even for just one minute, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.
- Young children are more sensitive to heat than adults and their body temperature can reach dangerous levels quicker than expected.
- A young child’s body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult, placing them in extreme danger of life threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other health risks if left alone in a parked car.
- Never leave a child alone in a car. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

For more information, see: **Kidsafe Victoria**

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Rob & Nancy
It’s not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it’s true.

The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it’s often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It’s hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year’s lost schooling over the school-life of a child.

In today’s highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That’s not a reason to be away!

It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

As a Parent:

- Commit to sending kids to school every day.
- Make sure kids arrive at school and class on time.
- Inform the school when they are away.
- Consider catching-up on missed work.
- Make kids who are away stay in their bedroom — that is where ill kids should be.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!”

Nice try. But the answer should be “No!”

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.
LEVEL LOW DOWN

Prep

The most important thing to remember this week is our teddy bears picnic with our year 6 buddies tomorrow! We would like the prep children to bring a small teddy and a picture story book to share with their buddy. After our initial numeracy and literacy assessments we can give you a few things to have fun with at home.

1. Read loads of rhyming books and poems and discuss rhyming words.
2. Practise the numbers that come before and after – to 10
3. Get your child to say the sound they can hear at the beginning of a word e.g. ‘seagull’ starts with the SOUND ‘s’
4. Get your child to say the sound they can hear at the end of a word e.g. ‘bucket’ the last SOUND said is a ‘t’ SOUND
5. Practise touch, move and count objects so 1:1 correspondence is developed
6. If your child is just too tired to read their take home book, please just read it to them! Our number one priority is to make reading an enjoyable experience.

Year One

This week, the year 1s were very excited to see 2014’s school leaders receive their badges! In English, we began learning about our new text type – Transactional texts. These are things like letters, emails and postcards. We can’t wait to begin writing our own letters and cards next week! Our spelling focus is ‘o’ as in shop, stop & octopus – you can test us by seeing how many ‘o’ words we can come up with at home! When we are reading at home this week, our focus is Accuracy (e.g. matching the pictures to the words). In maths, we have been learning about place value and practising counting backwards between 10 and 100. We have also been busy learning about length, comparing and measuring the length of different objects.

Year Two

This week the year 2s have been busy focusing on our brand new learning intentions. Our maths focus is RENAMING NUMBERS and collecting data. During investigations, students have surveyed the classes to find out favourite footy teams, animals and books. We have also had a lot of fun exploring PERSUASIVE texts. We played the Arguments Game and brainstormed reasons for why we should be able to wear casual clothes to school! We are also focusing on exclamation marks and question marks.

If you have any cardboard boxes and/or tinkering material that you are happy to donate, the year 2s would love them for Investigations. Thank you.

Year Three

Year 3s are working as a class through the process of an ERP (Educational Research Project) related to our subject focus of Geography. We have begun with activities to help us understand our first learning intention and thinking how one of our interests may link to this intention. The learning intention we looked at this week is, For the students to: Examine the similarities and differences between places. Jemma’s interest in BMX riding presented her with the opportunity to think and ask questions about where else in Australia do they have BMX tracks and are they sandy like the one at Frankston. What a great link! No artefact related to Geography will be completed by the students this term, just lots of activities helping the students become familiar with the process of working on an ERP. A special thank you to Mary, (Zenna’s mum) for offering to be the Class Rep for 3AH.
Year Four
At the moment in year 4 we are playing lots of fun card games to learn and reinforce our number facts, including addition and multiplication. We are also learning about scales and maps, and in 4M we have created a variety of four square courts using different scales such as 1cm=1m, 10cm=1m and super miniature versions such as 1mm=1m!

Year Five
Last week the year 5 teachers enjoyed sharing the class program and learning environment with parents at the Information night. We appreciate and value your interest in our teaching and your children’s learning. Last Friday, the students were excited about kicking off the year 5/6 Interschool Sports. They embraced their first opportunity to compete against local schools and demonstrated their skills, strategic thinking and teamwork. The Year 5 teachers were also very proud of all the students who applied for the Junior School Councillor roles and wish the elected students the best of luck this year. The year 5 students are about to embark on their ERP proposals and we have encouraged them to think about and share how they are going to use their interests to demonstrate a greater understanding of geography. Lastly, best wishes to Mr. Brown and his fiancée, Amanda for their upcoming wedding. We can’t wait to hear all about it and see his pictures on his return.

Year Six
The year is flying by for all of us in year 6, with many highlights already. On Monday this week the student leaders were presented with their badges. Last week we played Brighton Beach Primary for our first round of interschool sport and on Friday we have a home round against Hampton. It has been great to have received interest from families of year 6 students in regard to hosting the Minato- ku students who are visiting our school in Term 3. If you are able to host a visiting student or need more information about hosting, please contact Gall Sensei (Angie Gall our Japanese teacher). In the classroom we have been focussing on information texts to support both our subject focus of Geography and our skills in writing information reports.
Hello Beaumaris families

Hope you are all are doing great...!! We just completed another week of fun and frolic at the service by getting close to nature and celebrating the Olympic spirit. There was an opportunity for the children to get their name in the newsletter along with certificate and a surprise reward from the lucky box by winning the ongoing drawing competition. Such competitions will be organised every week to keep the kids motivated and busy at OSHC. The winners for this week’s competition will be announced in next week’s newsletter, so watch this space...!!

Next week is ‘Moomba week’ at the service to celebrate the colourful and exciting festival. We have already lined up fun games and creative art and craft activities for the kids. So be ready for music, colour and lots of paint at OSHC.

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 at 03 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 and safe arrival of your child. All medical forms need to be submitted with the OSHC staff and also please ensure you sign your child’s enrolment form at the service.

For any queries or questions, please feel free to drop-in at the service.

JOIN THE FUN

Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs
FREE FRUIT COMPETITION
Running throughout Term 1, 2014

For every purchase over $30 at Scicluna’s Mentone, customers will be eligible to vote for a school in the local community... The winning school will win free fruit for every Friday of Term 2!

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