FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

School Council Elections
Thank you to the candidates for their nominations to the five vacancies on School Council. As the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies an election will be conducted. Today your child will bring home Ballot Papers for the election of five parents to School Council. Please follow the instructions for completion of your vote and ensure your vote is lodged at the front office no later than 4pm on March 13th 2013.

Amanda Byrne, Libby Fennessy and Gina Scott have completed their School Council membership period and have decided not to renominate. From everyone in our community thank you to Amanda, Libby and Gina for your contributions at school council meetings, sub-committee meetings and to the overall operations and culture of the school.

Feasibility Study: Education provision in the Sandringham / Beaumaris area
The Department of Education and Early Childhood (DEECD) is undertaking a Feasibility Study into secondary education provision in the broader Sandringham area. One option being considered is a standalone Beaumaris Secondary College.

An important part of the feasibility study is a survey to gather the views and intentions of current and prospective parents, as well as students, staff and the broader community.

The survey is available online at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BeaumarisSandringhamCollegeSurvey

The survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete and will remain open until midnight Sunday 17 March 2013.

The responses provided will be used in aggregate form only and you can be assured that any information provided will remain confidential.

If you have any concerns or experience any technical issues in accessing or completing the survey please send an e-mail to survey@cubems.com.au

Parent Club Elections
Thank you to all parents who have taken on the role of class representative this year. Your contribution to the school is greatly appreciated and we hope that you find the role satisfying and rewarding and that you continue to enjoy the connection with established friends as well as make some new friends as the year unfolds.

Thank you to Christine Davidson for all her work as Parent Club President for 2011-2012. Christine has led the team through many successful events and her leadership brought the school community together for the benefit of our children. Thank you also to other outgoing members of Parent Club Alison Wyatt, Vice President and Tracey Humphreys, Secretary. Many thanks, from everyone at Beaumaris PS, to a great team of Class Reps for the generous donation of their time, effort, enthusiasm and tireless commitment to the school and for their community spirit.


DIARY DATES

Monday 11 March
Labour Day Holiday

Friday 15 March
The World’s Greatest Shave
Funky Hair Friday
Gold coin donation

Friday 22 March
Ride 2 School Day

Thursday 28 March
Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 29 March
GOOD FRIDAY

Thursday 2 May
PREP 2014 Open Morning

Wednesday 22 May
PREP 2014 Information Evening

20th—25th May
Education Week

FETE 2013
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

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Open Morning Prior to the Easter Bonnet Parade Thursday 28th March.
Classrooms will be open from 8.30am prior to the Easter Bonnet Parade at 9am on the last day of term. Parents are invited to come along and visit their child’s classroom to see the work that they have been doing this term.

District Swimming
Last Thursday afternoon 32 students from grade 4, 5 & 6 represented Beaumaris in District Swimming at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. There were many outstanding performances on the day and all students displayed determination and great sportsmanship. A big congratulations to Hannah Schmidt 5B and Molly Kerr 4HL who came first in their events and will be competing in the Divisional Carnival. We wish them good luck.
Beaumaris came second, an outstanding result, considering the high standard of competition. Congratulations to all competitors!
It was terrific to see so many parents attending, supporting and cheering on our team. As always our students were fantastic role models for Beaumaris Primary school. It was a great afternoon!

A Letter from St Martin de Porres School
A large team of teachers from St Martin de Porres toured our school some weeks ago and we were delighted to receive a letter of acknowledgement and thanks from the Principal. The letter is included in this newsletter.

Sheryl M. Skewes Neven Paleka

Principal Assistant Principal

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The 2013 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open!

Last year over 220,000 Victorian students read more than 4 million books as part of the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

Parents with children who are new to the Challenge will soon find out that this challenge provides an easy and fun way for children to record their reading as they try to reach the set reading targets.

Students can read, or be read to, so please encourage your child to accept this year’s Challenge.

Beaumaris Primary School is registered for participation in the Challenge. Your child has been provided with a username and password.

Consent is sought from students and parents for entry into the Challenge and the publication of names following the conclusion of the Challenge. A consent form is to be sent home with each child this week.

Key dates for 2013

03 March: Challenge Book Lists were published in The Age lift-out of The Sunday Age, also available on the Challenge website

12 September: Reading Challenge ends. The Challenge online application closes. No data can be entered after this date

October/November: Certificates issued to students and The Age honour roll published

Please see the Challenge website for information on rules, books and logging in.


Japanese Visitor to Beaumaris Primary

Welcome to Sachiyo Hara who is with us for 2 weeks.

She is studying foreign languages in Japan.

She enjoys making sweets, making cards and Japanese calligraphy.

よこうそ！ (Welcome)
This week in...

Prep

Last week as a part of literacy program we had a teddy bears picnic with our year 6 buddies. The preps and year 6 students each brought along a favourite picture story book to share and read to each other. We marched into the SALC (Susan Arnts Learning Centre) to the teddy bears picnic music and after reading our stories ate our picnic lunch together.

Don’t forget our Preps will be starting full time next week and will be very tired, so just be mindful that if they are not in the mood to read to you, then it may not be worth it. Pick your times carefully!

Thank you to the Hauch, Gilfedder and May families for their recent donations of items that can be used in our tinkering areas. Old computers, DVD’s video players and other small machines (without glass) are always appreciated. Tinkering is helping children develop their communication skills by working alongside each other, problem solve, persevere and think laterally. It also helps with fine motor skills which help develop the muscles in their hands to develop a correct pencil grip.

Donations of blind folds (from airlines), protective eyewear goggles (not swimming goggles) and take away clear containers would be very much appreciated.

Year One

The Year One children continue to enjoy the Kitchen Garden and linking it to our learning during Investigations on Fridays. Thank you Mrs Hebard for offering the children this opportunity. Other Investigations include collage/constructions, with some 1B boys testing floating and sinking concepts. Teachers will be promoting the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge in the classroom. Last year 254 of our students from Prep to Year 6 completed the challenge by following the rules and entering their data by the closing date. Further information is available on the PRC website and also in this week’s Stop Press.

The Literacy and Numeracy programs were highlighted at assembly yesterday. Well done to those children who rehearsed their lines very well.

Year Two

For those who missed it, meet our Year 2 superstar Kyle Gennissen in 2S! Kyle performed a keyboard solo on assembly last week. He was wonderful. We can’t wait to see other talented children perform for us on assembly. Well done Kyle!

Year Three

In grade 3 we watch a weekly segment called ‘Behind The News’, this is a kids program that discusses current issues in Australia and the world, it breaks down the news so that concepts can be understood and discussed by all students. This week, we watched a news report on ‘School of the Air’, which discusses the issue of students being home schooled within remote Australian towns. The students were split into two groups and were asked to discuss in their teams the positives and negatives of being home schooled. We then underwent a class debate, in which students had the opportunity to express their opinions on the matter. We have many brilliant debaters in grade 3! This type of activity helps students plan and prepare persuasive text.
**Year Four**

Year 4 students are learning to appreciate the effort put into producing food. During ‘Green Time’ sessions on Fridays lots of weeding, composting and mulching has been taking place all in preparation for planting and learning to grow organically. Our food scraps and green waste have made some fabulous compost for our garden beds and caring for our chickens has been a popular interest of the ‘Green Time’ groups.

Tomorrow morning we are going on an excursion to the heathland adjoining Beaumaris Senior Campus and we are going to be exploring the native wildlife in our environment. We’ll update you on our experience next week.

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**Year Five and Six**

This week the students in year 6 have been working hard on developing their Education Research Project (ERP) proposals and by the beginning of next week our students will be ready to embark on their projects. It is fantastic to see the student’s enthusiasm. Year 6 maths has continued to focus on addition and subtraction of decimals and for measurement we are investigating area.

Year 5 students have also commenced planning their ERPs working on linking their individual interests to the subject focus of Economics. In Science we have been working in our groups, looking at optical illusions, the movement of the Earth, solids and liquids and natural selection. We want to take this opportunity to remind students that they should be practising and using their multiplication tables, it has been great to see real progress in this area.

Congratulations to all the year5 and 6 students who participated in the District Swimming at MSAC. Many great performances saw us place second on the day.

Look out for the Somers School Camp notice your sons and daughters brought home today. This is an expression of interest only, and needs to be returned by Wednesday 13th March. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students. If you have further questions don’t hesitate to contact us.

We hope that all our families enjoy the long weekend.

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**Family Fun Day**

@ Mentone Tenpin Bowl

**Monday 11th March**  
Session 1: 10.00am  
Session 2: 12 noon  
Bowling Games Just $5

- [Free Sausage Sizzle](#)  
- [Free Show Bag](#)  
- [Prize Give a Ways](#)

Like playing soccer? Not joined a team yet? **Sandringham Soccer Club** is looking for Boys and Girls aged 8-10 years to join teams. Pre-season training has started and we welcome new players. Bring a friend! For more information or to register online please visit [www.sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au](http://www.sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au)

First game of the season is Saturday 13th April. Come join the World Game!
Holiday Tennis Clinic

Monday 8\textsuperscript{th}-Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} April 2013

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Every participant is guaranteed a great week of tennis. All aspects of the game will be covered, from grips to stroke production, drills and competitive play. A sausage sizzle will be held on the final day.

Prizes will include a \textbf{GRAPHITE TENNIS RACQUET} which will be awarded to the most improved and best performed children throughout the clinic.

Principal Coach: Larry Dempster (Reg T.C.A.V., former international player and State Squad – Head Coach)

NOTE: Numbers are strictly limited to ensure each pupil gets an enormous amount of tennis.

For enquiries please phone Larry on 9589 3039 (H)
0407322298 (M)
Or the club on 9589 2897

\textbf{COST: $160 (incl. GST)}