FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Principals’ Inner Sub – Region Conference
On Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th March, Sheryl and I were fortunate enough to attend a three day conference working with Yong Zhao, an internationally renowned scholar, author and speaker who currently serves as the Presidential Chair & Associate Dean for Global Education in the University of Oregon; Dr George Otero, who is an educational consultant and operates the Centre for Relational Learning, based in New Mexico, USA; Peta Sigley from The Resilience Institute and Shawn Callahan.
Over the three days, the conference continued on from the 2012 theme of Leading Lifelong Learning, with the focus this year on Leading for World Class Learning. We were provided with an opportunity to explore how educational leaders can respond to our rapidly changing and expanding global society by developing global, creative and entrepreneurial talents in our students. We also examined the importance of understanding connections and interdependencies and how to use these to support World Class Learning.

Links between home and school
Thank you to the many families who organised a time to meet with their child’s teacher over the last few weeks. Hopefully you took the chance to share with your child’s teacher all of the relevant information needed to help us to do a great job in teaching your child this year. These meetings are valuable as it enables teachers to obtain a clearer picture of your child and how they have settled into the year. It also gives you an opportunity to talk about your child’s learning and possibly discuss an Individual Learning Plan for the support or extension of your child. Developing a respectful and comfortable relationship with your child’s teacher is an important part of your child’s learning and the sense of community at BPS. As mentioned in previous editions of Stop Press, parents are more than welcome and encouraged to organise a meeting time with their child’s teacher.
Please use your child’s diary, phone calls (9589 2619) or email (beaumaris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) to keep the communication flow with teachers happening throughout the year and continue to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

Student Safety
We received a call from a concerned parent after they observed at home time some children crossing the road without using the School Crossing. Some of the children are walking between parked cars and darting across the road to an awaiting car. We will continue to remind children to use the crossing and we ask parents to talk with their children about road safety. Perhaps arrange a pick up point away from the Herbert St in particular, to reduce the chance of an accident.

Chess Club
On Thursday March 21st Chess Kids will be visiting BPS. Two demonstration sessions will be offered to interested students in P-2 and years 3-6. If sufficient numbers wish to enrol, Chess Kids will commence in Term Two as a lunch time activity from April 19th to June 21st at a cost of $110. Parents may wish to learn more by visiting www.chesskids.com.au. An enrolment form can be collected after the demonstration.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Neven Paleka
Assistant Principal

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FETE 2013
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

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Garden Club
Garden Club is cancelled as it falls on the last day of term. Don’t forget next term garden club meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 9am. All volunteers meet at the office and help to maintain our lovely gardens around the school. A reminder that our Bulb Fundraiser forms need to be in by Monday 18th March and all money raised help our Garden Club to buy necessary supplies. Thank you Heather Ferguson (Garden Club organiser)

Gardening Muscles Needed!
Our prep teachers are planning to develop the north side of the prep rooms along Herbert Street to create an exciting outdoor learning space. We would love some help from any community members to dig up the existing plants in order to maximise this great space. If you are able to assist, please contact Anna Redlich.

Support from Local Traders-Bakers Delight Beaumaris
Bakers Delight Beaumaris is excited to offer Beaumaris PS and three other local primary schools the opportunity to take part in their HOT CROSS BUN Competition 2013. Two tablet computers are offered as prizes to the winning school. All you need to do is mention BPS when purchasing a six pack of Hot Cross Buns. The competition ends on April 15th. Thank you Bakers Delight!

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE –FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY-TOMORROW!
Tomorrow, the 15th March we invite our students to come to school wearing wild and wacky hair. Please bring a gold coin donation to support the Leukemia foundation. Money raised will change the lives of people with blood cancer through research and on gong support. Get creative by decorating your hair with colour, ribbons, gel etc. in return for a donation towards the World’s Greatest Shave’s ‘Funky Hair Friday!’ Thank you to our community for your efforts in supporting this very important cause.

Ride2School Day 2013
National Ride2School Day is set for Friday 22 March 2013 and is a fantastic opportunity to encourage active travel within our school community. We look forward to seeing as many of our families riding to school on the 22nd March! Remember part the way is OK!

FROM THE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING TEAM
This week from Michael Grose—"Wielding ‘soft power’ at home"
‘Parenting authority generally works well with easy, compliant children but teenagers and demanding kids require some pretty nifty communication skills if you are going to win their co-operation’. An interesting article for parents of both primary school and teenage children.

Prep Art Classes
Thank you to Paris and Indy in 6L who organised an Art class for prep students at lunch time yesterday. The students enjoyed a range of creative drawing and painting activities. Thank you girls for organising this Fun Time Lunch Time activity.

Request from the Canteen
Our canteen ladies have requested that wherever possible all orders be placed in a brown paper bag rather than written on an envelope. Packets of suitable bags are available from local supermarkets (approx. 100 for $2) alternatively you can purchase bags from the school office for 10c each.

Junior School Council News
Our Fete needs a name!
It’s fete year again and before we can start advertising this event we need a name. Junior School Council is holding a competition for all the students to think creatively to come up with a name for this year’s fete. Place your entries in the box provided at the office. Make sure your entry has your name and class. All entries must be in by Tuesday 26th and the winner will be announced at the Easter assembly on Thursday 28th March.
INSIGHTS
by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator

Wielding ‘soft power’ at home

Your parenting authority works well with easy, compliant children but teenagers and demanding kids require some pretty nifty communication skills if you are going to win their co-operation.

Many people ask me: “How do I get my kids to cooperate with me?” This question reflects a frustration that many parents have with their ability to influence their children. It’s also indicative of the changing times in which we live where kids don’t necessarily blindly obey their parents, as they did until a few generations ago.

As a parent you have two sorts of power: positional power and soft power.

**Positional power** is better known as your authority as a parent. Parenting has a huge vocabulary built around ‘positional power’ with terms such as discipline, punishment, child management and behaviour management to name a few.

When I began as a parenting educator 20 years ago the term ‘parenting’ was code for behaviour management. It was mostly about helping parents exert their ‘positional power’.

The second type of power is **soft power** and is mostly about effective communication. It’s about influencing rather than simply exerting your authority over kids. Interestingly, your authority works well with easy, compliant kids but teenagers and demanding kids require some pretty nifty communication skills if you are going to win their cooperation.

Don’t get me wrong. It’s okay to use your positional power. Kids need to know that someone is in charge. They need parents who feel comfortable in their role.

But relying solely on positional power is hard work. A statement directed at you by a child along these lines: “You can’t make me do anything I don’t want to do” is a challenge to your position as parent.

When positional power fails, which it inevitably will, you can only rely on soft power to influence your kids. Here’s the rub: there is nothing soft about it because it carries significant weight when all else fails.

### Here are five ideas to make you less reliant on using positional power and help build your soft power skills:

1. **Get your head around the fact that discipline (there’s that positional power thing again!) is not about winning and losing, but about teaching kids how to behave and be responsible for their behaviour.** The key to successful discipline with adolescents is to speak to them in ways that don’t threaten their need to feel like they are in control.

2. **Choose a role model who wields soft power well and start to copy their way of speaking and acting with kids.**

3. **Talk about the difference between positional power and soft power with your partner or a friend to help you clarify the differences, as well as find an ally to support you.**

4. **Make soft power your priority for a week and see how it feels to influence rather than brow beat; to mediate rather than dominate; to use consequences rather than yell when kids don’t cooperate with your way of thinking.**

5. **Practice one skill at a time. Read books, blogs and other resources to help you understand more about soft power, then gradually practice and experiment with new ways of communicating with kids.**

Next time you speak to your kids in a potentially tricky or challenging situation check to see if you are using positional power to win the situation or soft power to win the kids over to your way of thinking.

Hopefully, it’s soft power that you are using to win the day!

### Great ways to develop your soft power skills with Michael Grose:

1. **Subscribe to Happy Kids** – Michael’s free weekly email guide.

2. **Download our free Parenting Ideas Skills Guide:** 10 BEST tips to get cooperation from kids without tears, fears or put-downs.

These great resources are waiting for you at ParentingIdeas.com.au/ParentingIdeas-Newsletter

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This week in....

Prep

We are very thankful to the parents who come and help out during investigations. Parents observe that our approach is extremely rigorous and filled with teacher direction, scaffolding, extension and intervention. They also see how investigations directly link to English, Maths, social skills and all areas of learning. Parents stay at chosen learning centres to help the students with their learning and make sure some areas are safe (like tinkering). Please look out for our parent helper sign-up sheet for term 2 as we would love your assistance again. Parents just a reminder that you must sign in at the office if you are a parent helper. The photos show parent helpers at work! They also show how we linked our investigations into an explicit maths lesson. We used ten frames to count our harvested tomatoes. James and Matthew counted by 10’s and then 1’s to make a total 64 tomatoes!

Year One

In year 1 we encourage the children to be responsible for their own belongings. Please remember to name items brought to school, such as basketballs and lunch boxes. Any items of real value need to be left at home. All year 1 students should have received user names and passwords for Mathletics, Literacy Planet and Premiers’ Reading Challenge. If these have been misplaced please see your child’s teacher who can access them from our school system.

Keep an eye on some important March dates, included on the front of our newsletter.

Year Two

During investigations this week the Year 2 Travel Agency was very busy. Aurelia and Ari worked very hard booking holidays, making passports and organising tickets. Freddie was lucky enough to book a trip to Hawaii!

“Dramatic play is a major way in which oral language and a range of other literacy and numeracy skills are developed as well as problem solving, decision making, persistence, creative and lateral thinking.” Kathy Walker

Year Three

This week in Year 3 we have been learning about maps, more specially the map of Australia. Students have been learning about the states, territories and special Australian landmarks. Many students have been amazed by how big our country is and the number of world renowned landmarks we have in our country. Learning about maps will help us to learn about compass direction and locations.
**Year Four**

Last Friday 8th March year 4 students were lucky enough to visit Long Hollow Reserve in Gramatan Avenue with April Seymour from Port Phillip Ecocentre and Andrew from Citywide. We learnt the Boon Wurrung story of Bunjil and how Port Phillip Bay came to be, and we observed the biodiversity of the heathland. Below is a photo of a very rare cocoon which Museum Victoria assisted us to identify as *Anthela Nicot hoe*. The hairy texture of the cocoon comes from the caterpillar’s sharp hairs poking through while it is inside! The hairs can irritate the fingers so it is not advisable to touch either the caterpillar or the cocoon with bare fingers. Here is the info link:


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**Year Five and Six**

Our Educational Research Project journey continues. Congratulations to our students who have researched Economics using a range of resources including books from the library, magazines, the internet and even interviewing family members and ‘experts’. In maths our focus is automatic response in number facts and applying this to solving multiplication and percentage problems. Our persuasive writing focus has investigated the use of persuasive language and we look forward to a few budding debaters showcasing their talents.

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**Swimming Division Championships**

On the 12th March April Brake, Claire Cottrell, Chloe Boul, Molly Kerr and Hannah Schmidt competed in the swimming division championships. The day started off great with the 11yrs girls coming second in the freestyle relay. Hannah and Molly did well in their individual events. Hannah came second in her freestyle and backstroke events, and Molly came 4th in her backstroke event.

We all had a good day but unfortunately none of us will be advancing to the next stage - the regional championships. We’d like to thank all the teachers, family and friends for supporting us.
School Holiday Fun!

A LITTLE BIT OF BLUE
A detective story with puppets!

Mon 8 and Tues 9 Apr
2 shows per day:
11am and 1.30pm

Date: Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 April
Time: 2 shows each day – 11am and 1.30pm
Tickets: Single $15 / Groups $10 each
Free: No free ticket includes free craft workshop.
(online tickets only)
Duration: 50 mins (no interval), includes post show Q&A
Venue: Kingston Arts Centre, 971 Nepean Highway
(Cnr South Rd, Munruben)
Bookings: Call Box Office 9586 4446 / visit www.kingstonarts.com.au

FREE Craft Workshop before the show starts

Spark your children’s natural curiosity with this fantastic puppet detective story!
The school holidays, make sure your little ones get along to Kingston Arts Centre to see Little Wing Puppets’ fantastically entertaining and educational tale of a bowerbird’s fascination with all things blue in hue...

Something’s gone missing – again – and we need your help to find it! Join the Detective on a stake-out and help unravel the mystery, tickle the cutout, and learn about the extraordinary habits of the Australian Bowerbird along the way.

Suitable for ages 3 – 10 years, arrive early enjoy a free craft workshop before the show starts!

Tuesday’s performance will be shadow interpreted in Auslan.

LITTLE ATHLETICS – BAYSIDE CROSS COUNTRY
Season starts Saturday 20 April............

Are you looking for a challenge?
Do you want extra training for school cross country?
Do you want to meet new friends and have fun?

Cross Country running will help improve your fitness so you can do better at all sports – netball, soccer, football, tennis – run longer, run harder, run faster!

Season starts on 26 April until August. All under 6 to under 15 athletes are welcome!

First event at Balnagowan Park at 9:30 am and then each Saturday morning at various other Bayside locations. So come along, only $5 for the whole season** an additional $4 is payable if you are not a Bayside member.

For more information www.bayside.org.au or email baysidesecretary@gmail.com

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10.00am-1.00pm, during BAG’s art term.

Note to all Parents
Come and see our great studio, there is something for everyone!
We have a purpose built studio for ceramics and a light filled studio where highly qualified, professional tutors teach painting, drawing and pottery for children and teenagers. Give your child the opportunity to explore their artistic talents, it’s fun and educational!

Classes are from 4.30 – 6.00pm for children or 5 – 7.30pm for teens.

TERM TWO - 15 April – 28 June

Monday 4.30 – 6.00 Media Magic with Jane Sears
Students are encouraged to use their imagination and interpret the world around them through line, form and Colour. Includes 2D drawing and painting, 3D (pottery/ceramics) and collage.

Tuesday 4.30 – 6.00 Pottery and Ceramics with Jane Sears
In this class basic handbuilding and joining techniques are taught. Followed by decorating and glazing. The materials are provided.

Wednesday 4.30 – 6 Pottery and Ceramics with Anna Rowbury
Children will learn the history and techniques of hand building methods such as rolling, pinching and slabbing in order to make a series of projects. They will have fun while learning about clay.

Wednesday 4.30 – 6 Children’s painting and drawing with Juliette Wegdam
While learning techniques for painting and drawing children are encouraged to use their imagination to help them achieve their individual work.

Thursday 4.15 – 6.45 Children’s painting, drawing, printmaking and sculpture with Jennifer Clark
This class focuses on expanding children’s imagination and building up their drawing skills using pencils, painting and printmaking.

Thursday 6 – 7.30pm Drawing and Painting for Teens with Michelle Zucollo
Suits all levels of ability. This class focuses on developing two-dimensional work such as drawing, mixed media, paste, watercolour and painting. Students may pursue independent projects throughout the term or participate in teacher driven activities exploring materials and techniques.

Free Animal Farm Visit
Sunday 17th March 9am - 1 pm
BBQ, BALLOONS and GIVEAWAYS
Be early grab a coffee and avoid the crowds

Easter Bunny Bounces in to Bay Rd
Sunday 24th March
10am - 12 midday
FREE choccy eggs and facepainting
Bring the whole family down
remember Kids eat FREE*
*conditions apply

BAY ROAD NURSERY

Ever wanted to:
- Learn to cook?
- Have fun being active?
- Make new friends?
- Develop personal skills?

‘Be Yourself’ is the program for you!
Who: Guys and girls, 11 to 14 years old
Where: Petsoner Youth Centre, Highett
When: Mondays, 4.30pm to 6pm during the school term
Cost: Free

For more information or to register your interest please contact Kelly at Bayside Youth Services on 9599 4622 or email kaledwards@bayside.vic.gov.au

Proudly presented by:
Bayside City Council
Our school has the opportunity to offer the WiseOnes Program for advanced learners who are well ahead in some areas, or who should be, but may be underachieving due to literacy or health difficulties.

The aims of the Program are Academic, Intellectual, Moral and Social development of the whole person who is significantly different in their thinking from most other children their age. WiseOnes brings fast thinkers and learners together in small groups. They work on a variety of programs developed to be appropriate for their advanced needs and the consequences of their special abilities such as perfectionism, low risk taking, judgmental attitudes, and underachievement habits.

The children love discussing higher level ideas, problem solving in different ways, using advanced language, learning skills for higher order work and gaining a huge general knowledge base. They feel fully at home with their mental peers and become more relaxed at school.

The weekly one hour sessions come in sets of 8 with just 8 children per group and a range of topics to stretch their strengths and address their weaknesses. There is a qualifying level, not including performance in language or mathematics, as some gifted children have disabilities. The free try-out (assessment) is based on advanced thinking ability.

There will be a charge for this service, but costs have yet to be confirmed and will be dependent on the numbers of students involved. We also have yet to confirm if the classes will be held during school hours—or if they will take place before or after school: again this is dependent on the numbers involved.

If you wish to know more please ring……..

Claudine Berman direct 0414 24 94 62 or email claudinebermn@gmail.com

Claudine will be holding two Parent Information Sessions on Tuesday April 16th at 9.15am and 7pm. If you are interested in attending one of these sessions please phone the school office on 9589 2619 to confirm the time you would prefer. We would appreciate your call by Thursday 21st May.