FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

School Council Elections

On behalf of our school community we would like to thank all the candidates for their participation in our recent School Council elections. Each candidate showed their willingness to contribute their time and energy to this wonderful school.

At a gathering prior to our first meeting of the 2013 School Council on Tuesday night we welcomed and congratulated the following parents and staff on their election to the school council vacancies: Five parent vacancies were filled by Michael Scott, Pernilla Eklund Allan, Jill Blackman, Simon Wilson and Megan Martin. Two DEECD vacancies were filled by Assistant Principal Neven Paleka, and Leading Teacher Jacqui Cartwright.

We also farewelled retiring parent members Libby Fennessy, Gina Scott and Amanda Byrne. On behalf of the school community we would like to acknowledge their contribution and voluntary time given to various committees and at council meetings. Two Community Members were co-opted to council: Tony Falkingham and Shane Dawes. We wish to thank Tony and Shane for their preparedness to continue to support our school as Community members.

Elections were held to fill the executive positions on the 2013 School Council and we congratulate the following:

President Mr Michael Scott
Vice President Mrs Megan Martin
Treasurer Mr Tony Falkingham
Secretary Mrs Anna George

Continuing on our 2013 Council are:
Parent members: Anna George and Ellie Hilton
DEECD Members: Sheryl Skewes and Jan Smith

Special Easter Assembly
We will be holding our Special Easter Assembly on Thursday Morning to include our Easter Parade and Easter Raffle Draw. There will be no assembly on Wednesday.

Bulb fundraiser
Thank you to all the green thumbs in our community for purchasing their bulbs through the school. The Garden Club Bulb Fundraiser made a profit of $364.80 and the funds will be used to support the work of the Garden Club.

Chess Club
Interested children attended a Chess Demonstration this morning. Numbers were limited due to the requirements of the Demonstrator from Chesskids. However any children in Year P-6 can enrol. If you wish your child to participate in Friday lunchtime Chesskids next term please make payment on line using the enrolment form included in this newsletter by Thursday 28th March. This will give Chesskids an indication of the number of instructors needed and enable the classes to commence in the first week of Term Two.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Neven Paleka
Assistant Principal

Our year 6 students are very happy because their special windcheater’s have arrived. They all proudly modelled their new look for us last Friday (hence the funny hair colours in this photo!). The back of the windcheater has a specially designed panel with all their names on—a great reminder of their time at Beaumaris Primary.
News from the Art Room

Congratulations Beaumaris Primary! Our school has been accepted to take part in the Archie Bark Prize competition. The Archie Bark Prize is an art competition where you draw or paint your favourite dog. The age groups you will have to participate in are Prep—Yr2, Yr3-4 and Yr5-6. The Visual Arts Captains will judge all of the drawings and pick one winner from each group, those winning drawings will go through to get judged by the Archie Bark judges. The big prize you could win is $100, two family passes to the dog lovers show and a student photo published in The Age, Dog Lovers website and other social media sites, also if a Beaumaris student wins, our school could also receive dog lovers themed books (to the value of $500) which will go into our library. The rules are...your drawing MUST be drawn on the piece of paper which Miss Fisk will provide; please make sure you fill in all the details on the bottom of the page prior to handing it in and it being accepted. Date entries close is Wednesday 27th March. Written by: Katie and Ruby, Visual Arts Captains

Kitchen Garden News

Every week at our assembly the kitchen garden team runs a stall that goes for twenty minutes. Most weeks you will find worm juice $1 a litre, plants for $2 and fresh produce for a dollar. Thank you from Charlie Munn: Kitchen Garden Captain.

Canteen News

Monday 25 March – Canteen will operate as usual
Wednesday 27 March – No lunch orders – counter sales only.
We would like to say thank you and farewell to Margaret Wightman who has been our wonderful canteen manager.

Can You Help!

We are planning to recommence the Additional Literacy Program in Years 3 and 4 in Term 2. The program caters for students who require some extra support with their reading development. In order to provide this support we require the assistance of members of our school community. A regular commitment is required during Term 2. Assistants will receive initial training before they commence working with their allocated student. An information session for those who are interested in assisting in this extremely valuable program will be held in the Staffroom next Wednesday, 27th March at 9:05am. Please contact Sue Dale if you require more information prior to Wednesday.

RIDE2SCHOOL DAY TOMORROW

Tomorrow is Ride2School Day. We look forward to seeing as many of our students, parents and teachers riding, walking and scooting to school. Remember ‘Part the way is OK!’

SOMERS CAMP

Every two years our year five and six students are offered an opportunity to attend the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s (DEECD) Somers Camp on the Mornington Peninsula with other students from schools in our region. Over nine days the students are involved in a range of environmental activities and take on physical, personal and leadership challenges. This year we have been allocated 15 places and will send home letters to the successful ‘campers’ tomorrow. We have had over 45 interested students this year and apologise to the unsuccessful applicants. We will let you know if other positions become available.
FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY

Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting our Funky Hair Friday last week. Beaumaris Primary was a rainbow of groovy and colourful hairstyles. This fundraiser raised over $745.00 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Congratulations to Harriet Waters and our Junior School Council for promoting this important event.

FROM THE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING TEAM
This week from Michael Grose.

‘How to talk more with your kids’
A great article reinforcing the power of conversation. Enjoy!

Sustainability

Earth Hour is happening again this Saturday night 23rd March from 8.30pm, but we are having our own Beaumaris Primary Earth Hour from 1.50-2.50pm this Friday afternoon. We will be turning off all electrical items in our classrooms and discussing strategies for looking after our planet by using more sustainable practices and renewable sources of energy where possible. We would love you to get on board at home, so check out earthhour.org.au for more information.

Adopt a Plant

During May we will be creating a new native garden in the northwest corner of our grounds behind the sports shed. Initially we will be planting approximately 150 native plants and 40 of these arrived at school today. As planting won’t take place until the weather is cooler in mid May, we would love families of year 4 students to “Adopt a Plant” and give it lots of tender loving care at home, including watering, until we are ready to plant our garden. Families will then be invited to join us on planting day, which will be a special day for everyone involved.

If you are able to help please let Mr Prendergast, Mrs Hebard or me know and we will allocate you a “baby” native.

Lindy McManus

Our 2013 school fete needs a name!
Thank you to the students who have entered our competition so far — keep those creative ideas coming.
Entries to the office please by Tuesday 26th March.

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!

BEAUMARIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
EASTER RAFFLE 2013

TO ALL FAMILIES

Parent Club is organising an Easter Raffle with funds raised going towards information technology resources (e.g. iPads).

HOW THE RAFFLE WORKS?

Each family is asked to donate Easter eggs of various sizes and types which we then use to make up many prizes for the raffle. Last year we had over 100 prizes for the raffle because of the generous donations from our families. Any donations of baskets or other Easter gifts for the prizes would also be appreciated. All donations need to be at school by 25th March, 2013.

Junior School Council members will collect the eggs from classrooms each day.

10 tickets @ $1.00 each are on the reverse of this sheet for each child to sell, extra tickets available from the office.

Tickets and money must be returned by Wednesday 27th March, 2013.

The raffle will be drawn at our Easter Assembly which commences at 9.00am on Thursday 28th March, 2013. Everyone is welcome to join us at the special assembly featuring our annual Prep Easter Bonnet Parade.

We thank you for your support and hope that you are one of the many lucky prize winners!
How to talk more with your kids

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to talk with kids from a young age is indisputable.

If you were to focus on one thing to give your child an advantage then do what should come naturally – talk with them.

The links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to engage in conversation with kids from a young age is indisputable.

The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first-borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent.

But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. It is trite to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact, they do when they talk with them.

In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their worlds and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet.

So you may need to be a little cunning, a little proactive and a little inventive to get some chat going at home.

Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:

1. Turn off the TV (and other screens). Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don’t be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.

2. Turn on the TV (and other screens). If you can’t beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from “who’s going to win Australian Idol?” “what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?” to “what is the point of Australian Idol?”

3. Have more mealtimes (with the TV off). The family that eats together talks together…or they should. I have a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can’t win.

4. Move more. If sitting and chatting is not your child’s thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.

5. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting. Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids.

Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it BUT in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it. You have to work hard at family.

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We have enjoyed reading every Friday with our year 3 reading buddies. Each week the year 3 students read a favourite book to their prep buddy. Last Friday was such a lovely day to be outside and read. The year 3 students then helped the preps write and draw a story about their favourite part of the book.

One of our learning intentions this week is to learn ordinal number. We had a race with our spiny leaf insects ‘Sandy’ and ‘William’. They had a race to see who could reach the gum leaves first. Sandy came first in all races!

We are very much looking forward to our Easter bonnet parade next Thursday. Just a reminder that preps are to wear a beautiful bonnet and bring a basket or small bag to collect some goodies from our very generous Concourse traders.

The prep teachers would like to express their sincere thanks to Andrew and Roslyn McPhail (Lachlan Prep P) who dug out all the old plants from the beds around the prep area that will now be turned into an outdoor learning space. We could not have done this without him.

In Year One we have been busy with Science, looking at the differences between uncooked and cooked spaghetti. Some of us worked in co-operative learning teams to build towers using uncooked spaghetti and marshmallows. We have also conducted fun experiments to do with hot and cold food, observing the changes and discussing whether these changes are reversible.

Well done to the children for being supportive and involved in Funky Hair Friday, a leukaemia and lymphoma fundraiser.

We are looking forward to welcoming the parents to school on Open Morning next Thursday, 8.30-9am. Please meet in your child’s classroom for an enjoyable, informal get together.

Just a reminder that next Thursday the classrooms will be open from 8.30am. We would love you to pop in, say hi and check out the fabulous Year 2 learning spaces. This will be followed by the special Easter assembly with the Prep Easter Bonnet Parade.

Thank you for all the amazing donations we have received this term. Our collage and dramatic play areas are thriving! We are still in need of items for our ‘Tinkering’ tables. If you have any old appliances at home that you no longer need (eg CD players, VCR’s, telephones and computer parts) please bring them in for the children to investigate with. Thanks so much for your support.
**Year Three**
Last Friday the entire school participated in crazy hair day, it was a fun day and all the children thoroughly enjoyed getting in the crazy hair spirit. The grade 3 students coloured their hair, wore wigs and revealed some truly ‘crazy’ hairstyles. Overall we had a fantastic day and raised money for the cause. Thanks to all the grade 3 parents who helped their child with their impressive hairstyles.

**Year Four**
In Year 4 our students have either completed or are completing their values board games. These games will teach all participants what each of our values (respect, relationships, responsibility and resilience) mean. During our Open Day on Thursday 28th March at 8:30, parents and special visitors will have the opportunity to visit our classrooms and play some of these games. We very much look forward to seeing you there and sharing our good work.

**Year Five and Six**
Excitement builds as the year five and six students put their finishing touches on their Economic –Educational Research Projects. The teachers have been amazed at the diversity of research the students have completed relating to their learning intentions. Investigations include budgeting and planning family holidays, comparing household bills, comparing online and everyday supermarket shopping, costing no-name and recognised brands of foods and outlining costs of buying and caring for a pet.

We look forward to seeing or families along at our Open Morning next Thursday at 8.30-9 am. Our Science focus for this term is wrapping up. Students this week have investigated ‘Bouncing Sultanas’, electrical circuits, the effects of yeast as a microorganism and the causes impact of earthquakes.
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

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COMMENCING: 15/4/13
CONCLUDING: 24/6/13
TIME: 3.30-4.30
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4

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WHEN: Friday
COMMENCING: 19/4/13
CONCLUDING: 26/6/13
TIME: 3.30-4.35
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4

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Easter always brings such a lot of pleasant things to all of us...!!
Happy Easter

It’s Easter next week and also the last week for term 1. The term went past so fast and its holiday time again for everyone.

From bunny face masks to Easter eggs and from gift bags to bookmarks to Easter egg hunting and the Easter tree, we have set it all at OSHC. The children will love the activities. So do not miss to attend all the excitement, fun and frolic at OSHC for this joyful event of Easter. The weekly theme will reflect on the first time we have done things in the past and explore things that we might want to try in the future. So get ready for a super week.!!

The winners of the Grand Prix week:

  1) Mikala Clarke
  2) Joel Pratt
  3) Tobias Miot

Well done you guys..!! We will also be encouraging everyone to have a go at things during the week as well and exploring how they can help others to do the same.

Hope you all have a wonderful Easter and fun-filled holidays. See you all in term 2. Its bye for now from our side..!!!
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Parenting Program
Do you have a child aged 10-14 years?

Do you want to learn to:
- Understand your teen?
- Improve communication?
- Negotiate boundaries?
- Solve problems together?
- Set limits?
- Deal with risky behaviour?
- Look after yourself?

What: 4 week group program
When: Tuesday evenings
30th April/7th/14th/21st May 2013
Time: 7pm - 9.30pm
Where: Kingston Youth Services
Southland - Karen St Car Park Entrance
Cost: FREE

Bookings
Who should attend this program?
The ABCD Parenting Program is aimed at mothers, fathers and carers of adolescents aged between 10-14 years.

How to Register:
Bookings can be made by phoning 1300 36 94 36. This program has limited places, REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL. When the program is fully booked, a waiting list will apply. Future programs may be scheduled based on demand.

Bookings are essential.
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