Dear Parents,

As you may have seen in Stop Press, Beaumaris Primary School has once again been invited to host a visit of Year 6 students from Minato-ku, Japan. Last year we had a group of students visit from Minato-ku and the visit was a very positive experience for our school community.

The 2013 visit is scheduled for Week 2 in Term 3 and the Japanese students will participate in a program at our school including a school arranged excursion that will include host families. The aim of the visit for the Japanese students is for them to gain confidence in using the English language and to experience a culture, lifestyle and education system quite different to their own. For us, it is an opportunity for our students to improve their knowledge and understanding of Japanese language and culture.

What is involved for host families?

- Provide a home, bed and meals for two overseas students during their visit
- Ensure that the students have safe travel to and from school each day
- Provide lunch for the students (the same as you would for your own child)
- Over the weekend of the visit, have the students participate in your family activities
- Host families will be given an allowance to assist with the Japanese students’ costs

The students will be with host families during the weekend participating in any activities you choose. The Japanese students will attend school with your child.

We ask you to seriously consider hosting the students as we’ve found that the interest and responsiveness of students to Japanese language has increased dramatically with the knowledge that this soon will be REAL communication with other children. The direct student to student connections created through this experience personalises the relevance of Japanese language and powerfully contributes to the emergence of the new generation of global citizens.

What to do now?

If you are interested please return the expression of interest slip below or contact the school office staff for more information.

Expression of interest to host students from Minato-ku, Japan.

Name: ______________________________ Child __________________________ Class __________

Contact no. ____________________________________________________________

Email: ___________________________________________________________________