Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year, we are looking forward to an exciting and productive year. During term one in Numeracy there will be a focus on place value, skip counting, measurement, and data collection. In Literacy we will focus on letter writing and all forms of written communication. Year 3 will also look at narrative and persuasive texts in preparation for NAPLAN. There will be weekly spelling groups based on each student's individual spelling needs and in reading we will be setting up personal reading boxes and reading journals. As an extension of our Start Up Program we will be building personal and interpersonal skills. Throughout the year all students will participate in a science program. If you have any queries or concerns, please see your classroom teacher for clarification.

From the Year 3 team, Martin Eden, Leonie Angelis, Karen Hebard and Anne Sutton

| Timetable          | School starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.30pm  
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|                    | Recess 10.40 - 11.10am  
|                    | Lunch 12.50pm - 1.00pm, eating time in class.  
|                    | 1.00pm - 1.50pm outside  

| Before and after school care | Students must not be left alone in the school yard before 8.45 or after 3.45. If you have to leave your child before or after these times on any day you must book them into out of hours care as there is no yard supervision.  

| Closing of school gates      | To assist with student safety and wellbeing, all school gates will be closed at 9.15 until 3.00.  

| Specialists                  | Monday - 3E Performing Arts 11.10  
|                               | Tuesday - 3AH & 3S - Art and Japanese 1.50 - 3.30, 3E - P.E 1.50 -2.40  
|                               | Wednesday - 3E ICT 11.10, 3S ICT 12.00, 3AH ICT 1.50  
|                               | Thursday - 3E, 3S, 3AH Library  
|                               | Friday - 3S PE 11.10 Performing Arts 12.00, 3AH Performing Arts 11.10 PE 12.00, 3E Art 11.10 Japanese 12.00  

| Homework                     | 20 minutes reading each night is to be recorded in your child's reading diary.  
|                               | (This book might come from home, school or the local library.)  
|                               | The Reading Trek diary should be at school every day.  
|                               | Every Friday the teacher will check the reading details for the week.  
|                               | A homework activity that should take no longer than 30 minutes will be sent home weekly.  
|                               | Homework is sent home Monday & due back Friday, unless otherwise stated.  

| Spelling Journals            | Students choose 6 words each Monday from lists developed within their spelling groups, and they complete spelling activities using these words throughout the week. Partner tests take place every Friday.  
|                               | Students have been tested and will be grouped according to their spelling needs. Parents are encouraged to play a variety of spelling games to build word skills.  
|                               | TRY www.spellingcity.com, scrabble and word games in newspapers.  

| Birthdays                    | Children can bring a treat to share on their birthday - No nuts please!  
|                               | A chocolate frog or snake lolly is usually a safe and stress free option.  

| Nude food lunches            | All families are encouraged to prepare nude food lunches. Unwrap and throw any rubbish out at home to help us reduce the amount of rubbish scattered throughout our school.  
|                               | A variety of lunch boxes and containers are available at most supermarkets.  
|                               | PLEASE ensure all containers are clearly labelled!  

| School Uniform               | Hats are to be worn during recess and lunch until the 1st of May and again from the 1st of September.  
|                               | Jewellery is NOT part of our school uniform. This includes coloured rubber wrist bands as they are a distraction for students.  
|                               | Girls may wear plain studs or sleepers in their ears.  
|                               | Hair accessories are to be school colours of yellow, blue or white only.  

Please ensure all items of clothing are named and check the lost property cupboard for any missing items.
School uniform orders can be placed at the office.

**Communication**
General information and upcoming events are published in the *Stop Press*. Please be sure to check our new notice board located outside the year 3 area. A link is emailed out to parents every Thursday or can be accessed via the Beaumaris Primary website. [http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/](http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/)
Teachers will be outside their classrooms from 3.30pm-3.40pm each day so you can informally catch up with them. **If you have a specific concern, please make an appointment with the class teacher that suits all parties involved.**

**REMINDER:** All teachers are in class with their students at 9am and are required at staff briefings each morning from 8.40 - 8.50am. Staff meetings and professional development sessions are held every Monday and Wednesday from 3.45pm so please avoid these times.

**Premiers Reading Challenge**
We are aiming for full school participation therefore we expect that all year 3 students will be involved. They will be supported at school with the use of class record charts and reading time. Parent information can be found at [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/parents/default.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/parents/default.htm)

**Beaumaris Primary email address and contact details**
If your child is absent, you can email the office on [beaumaris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:beaumaris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) and your class teacher will be alerted of their absence.
Address:- 79-99 Dalgetty Road. Beaumaris. 3193
Phone:- 03 9589 2619
Fax:- 03 9589 1957

**Literacy / Numeracy**
Literacy includes the use of Spelling Journals, Writers’ Notebooks, Reading Journal, listening and speaking activities as well as reading and writing activities related to specific text type focuses each term.
Students will participate in engaging activities related to our fortnightly learning intentions. Teachers have worked closely with Literacy consultant Julie Sheppard to develop teaching and learning outcomes.
Maths ideas will be utilised from professional development activities presented by Michael Ymer, Di Siemon and Margareta Breed. Staff have worked closely with Numeracy consultant Sue Fine to further develop their planning for Numeracy. There will be extensive work ensuring a deeper understanding of place value and number. Teachers understand there is an expectation to devote 5 hours a week to maths sessions.
BPS has resubscribed to Mathletics and Literacy Planet and students can log in at home for personal use. (Passwords to be sent home)

**NAPLAN dates for grades 3 & 5**
Tuesday 13th May, Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th May

**Personalised Learning - Education Research Projects**
Students are assisted to relate their interests to the subject focus. The communication board plays a vital role in the Year 3-6 area and students are encouraged to put any current local, national or world issues on the weekly agenda. Level 3 will have Expos which will showcase the students’ work throughout the year. Parents are welcome to view the communication boards which are situated close to the entrance of each classroom. 1-3 hours per week are dedicated to tuning in and Educational Research Projects (ERPs).

**Year 3 Camp**
Term 4 Camp Oasis Mt Evelyn November 10th - 11th Monday and Tuesday