Year 3 Term 4 Parent Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4! We hope the students have enjoyed their holidays and are ready and rested for the exciting term ahead. We are looking forward to the school swimming program, learning about economics and health and taking part in the carols night. If you have any queries or concerns, please see your classroom teacher for clarification.

Many thanks,

The Year 3 Team

| Timetable          | School starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.30pm*,
|                   | Recess 10.40 – 11.10am, Lunch 12.50pm – 1.00pm, eating time in class. 1.00pm – 1.50pm outside. *The last day of school will finish at 1:30pm |
|                   | **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 9.15am until 3.15pm. |
|                   | **Specialists** Monday – 3AH 2:40 Library  
|                   | - 3L 12:00 Library  
|                   | - 3P 12:25 Library  
|                   | - 3R 1:50 Library  
|                   | Tuesday – 3AH 11:10 LOTE, 12:00 Performing Arts  
|                   | - 3L 11:10 Art, 12:00 Physical Education  
|                   | - 3P 11:10 Performing Arts, 12:00 LOTE  
|                   | - 3R 11:10 Physical Education, 12:00 Art  
|                   | Wednesday – 3L 9:00 ICT  
|                   | - 3P 9:50 ICT  
|                   | - 3R 2:40 ICT  
|                   | Thursday – 3AH 9:50 Physical Education, 2:30 Art  
|                   | - 3L 9:00 LOTE  
|                   | - 3R 9:50 LOTE  
|                   | - 3P 9:00 Physical Education, 1:50 Art  
|                   | Friday – 3AH 9.50 ICT  
|                   | - 3L 9:50 Performing Arts  
|                   | - 3R 11:10 Performing Arts  
|                   | **Homework** 15 minutes reading each night is to be recorded in your child’s diary (this book might come from home, school or the local library). The 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 stated otherwise. |
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 are assessed and grouped according to their spelling needs. Parents are encouraged to play a variety of spelling games to build word skills. TRY www.literacyplanet.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/

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.

Beaumaris Primary email address and contact details

If your child is absent, you can email the office on 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, Writer’s Notebook, Reading Journal, speaking and listening 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 Shepherd to develop teaching and learning outcomes. Maths ideas will be utilised from professional development activities presented by Sue Fine. 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 Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. 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.

Health and Economics

This Term students will be learning about Health and Economics for our subject focus. There will be a range of immersion activities provided to facilitate learning in...
| Personalised Learning - Education Research Projects (ERP) | 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 agenda for our weekly class meeting. 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). The Term 4 Expo will be held on Friday 11 November at 2:00 - 2:50pm. |
| Swimming | Swimming will commence 14 November and finish 25 November. Further information will be sent home. |