The teachers at Beaumaris Primary School would like to invite all the parents and families to the first community coffee morning of 2016.

The idea is to create an opportunity for teachers and parents to catch up near the end of term 2 for a social chat and enjoy a cup of coffee. Coffee can be purchased from the Coffee Cart.

Date: Wednesday 8th June  
Time: 8:30am – 8:55am  
Location: Under the shade cloth  
We hope to see you there!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  

Dear Parents and Families,

Curriculum Day on Monday May 30th a friendly reminder: Pupil Free Day
On Monday our teachers will be analysing their student assessment data and, in year level teams, moderating student work samples in preparation for student report writing. This is our final Curriculum Day for the year.

Introducing Compass to our parent community
Recently our teachers and office administration staff began using a new program that will enable us to further enhance our communication with parents. The program is called Compass. The platform has many features and it is our intention to roll out different aspects of the platform during the next 12 months. Parents will be provided with information at each stage to help familiarise them with each feature as it is launched.

Student Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews using Compass
The first two aspects of Compass to be made available to parents are the parent/teacher interview online booking feature and the feature enabling parents to access their child’s mid year Student Report prior to parent/teacher interviews.

Open Classrooms last Friday—Technology and Cyber Safety at Beaumaris PS
Thank you to the families that were able to come along last Friday to view some of the ways in which our students use technology and learn about the strategies teachers discuss with their students at school to enhance their safety while online. Our school is an eSmart accredited school and we regularly discuss the importance of cyber safety with our students. We ask parents to reinforce the strategies at home and visit the eSmart website for tips.

DIARY DATES  
Please refer to term newsletters for more detail on year level important dates:  

SNACK SHACK OPEN
Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Friday 27 May
Prep Responsible Pet Ownership incursion

Monday 30 May
STUDENT FREE DAY  
School closed for students

Tuesday 31 May  
Open Morning for Prep 2017 parents showcasing investigations

Wednesday 1 June  
1/2W & 1W excursion Como House

Thursday 2 June  
Prep-3 House Cross Country  
9am-1pm Beaumaris Reserve

Friday 3 June
1M & 1V excursion Como House

Wednesday 8 June  
Year 6 Debating Teams at Brighton Secondary College 9am  
Community Coffee Morning 2016  
Parent Information Session-Compass 2.45pm-3.30pm

Thursday 9 June
Year 6 Expo-Geography 9-10am

Monday 13 June
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday  
School Closed

Thursday 16 June
Parent’s Garden Club 9-10am  
Year 5 Geography Expo 9-9.45am  
Year 4 History Expo 8.30-9.30am
Enrolments for Prep 2017
Prep enrolments are now coming in thick and fast. We ask current families with children entering their first year of school next year, to collect an enrolment form from the office and return completed ASAP. This ensures that places for ALL Beaumaris Primary siblings are allocated.

Winter Uniform—Please ensure all uniform items are named
We ask parents to adhere to the school uniform. Our students look great in their uniforms and their presentation in the broader community is important as they are representatives of our school. Please ensure all items are labelled to help with identification in our Lost Property cupboard.

Sick Children
With the colder months ahead of us and with reports already of stomach upset, sore throats and flu type symptoms, it is worthwhile reiterating our policy on sending children who are not feeling 100% to school. Clearly we want children to be resilient and learn to put up with minor health matters however it is important that students do not return to school before they are completely over illness. A part from the fact that our facilities are limited it is problematic if children return to school too soon and infect others. Many of our staff are working parents too and we recognise the inconvenience that sick children cause, but at BPS we are not in a position to be able to keep sick children at school and our policy has always been to contact parents and ask them to collect their child from school if it is clear that the child is unwell. Hopefully we will all escape the ‘winter ills’ and remain fit and healthy.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Louise Neave
Assistant Principal

VIC u12 Girls Hockey Team Raffle
Evie Stansby (Year 6) is very proud to represent Beaumaris Primary at this year’s SSV u12 Girls Hockey Championships held at Cairns between 31 July to 5 August 2016. If you would like to help her fund raising by buying a $2 ticket for the Team VIC raffle (tax deductible) with 5 prizes of:
1. Suzuki Swift worth $24,000
2. Trip and accommodation voucher worth $10,000
3. LG 139cm SMART TV worth $3,000
4. Yamaha Home Entertainment Package worth $2,700
5. Bottle Fridge worth $1,900
Prizes drawn on 9 December 2016 (making a lovely Xmas present!). Tickets are available at the school office.

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
On Wednesday 11th May Mrs McSwain and I interviewed Lachlan from Year 1. We asked him some questions about the Premiers Reading Challenge. These are the questions we asked him and what he replied:

What is your name? Lachlan
What class are you in? 1M
Have you started the premiers reading challenge yet? Yes
How many books have you read? 32
What book would you recommend? Bag Guys
On a scale from 1-10 how much do you like reading? 7
How good are you at reading? I’m good at it.
What are your three favourite books?
1. 13 Story Tree House
2. BFG
3. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Lachlan probably loves reading because he has the same name of the Premiers Reading Challenge mascot Lachlan the Reading Dog.
By Elise Coward 6C
"If a job’s worth doing, it’s worth doing well."

This mantra always pops into mind whenever I’m about to cut some corners or do a rushed job in any endeavour. As a result I double-check every article I write for mistakes. I over prepare every talk I give. And I continually edit and re-edit my books. This message keeps me at the top of my game.

I can thank, or blame, my mother for instilling this mantra in my mind as she repeated it whenever I did a rushed job as a youngster making my bed, doing homework or cleaning up my bathroom mess.

Parents of every generation have always found ways to frame messages of safety and success for their children to remember. Parents of past generations who only had to contend with the offline or real world intuitively knew that they needed to teach children important lessons about safety and manners rather than assume they’ll be understood.

The same maxim holds true for the world of social media that children now inhabit from an increasingly young age. Even though our children are growing up with technology as a part of their everyday lives, they will still make plenty of mistakes while using it. This means we need to have direct conversations with our kids about the comments and posts that are okay to make using social media of all forms.

As parents we teach our kids to talk politely and clearly so that they know how to speak to others when we’re not around. In effect, we give our kids social scripts to fall back on when they talk to friends, teachers and relatives. There’s no guarantee they’ll look an adult in the eye when they speak to them, but our discussions, reminders and lessons about manners will hopefully hold up when we’re not around.

The same applies to social media. Our conversations and lessons will prepare them to be savvy users when we’re not around. Here are some ideas to get you started:

1. “Is this worth posting?”
   The relatively impersonal nature of social media means that we can post information and pictures with relative immunity. Also its immediacy means that we can do so without much thought. This means that kids need to be very critical about what they see online. ‘Is this accurate?’ and ‘Is this worth posting?’ are two valid questions children can ask when they read posts placed by others.

2. “Have you taken a big breath?”
   A child who blurs out everything that comes into his mind without thinking is sure to put plenty of people offside.
   ‘Think before you speak’ is the type of message that every child should have in mind.

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Want more ideas to help you raise confident kids and resilient young people? Subscribe to Happy Kids newsletter, my FREE weekly email parenting guide at parentingideas.com.au. You’ll be so glad you did.
... Developing your child’s social media scripts ...

The same applies to social media. Just because they think something doesn’t mean they post it. ‘Take a big breath’ may just about be the most important message to give your kids about social media.

3 “Do you want the principal to see this!”
An invitation to a teenage birthday party posted on social media is one way to get more attendees than you bargained for! The viral nature of social media means that kids should only post messages and photos that they want to be spread and read by a large audience.

4 “How does this post make you feel?”
We need to teach kids that not every post needs to be commented upon and not every thought needs to be shared, particularly when they are angry. Teaching them to walk away and then to step back in when they’ve calmed down is perhaps the most important communication lesson of all. It is very relevant to social media as emotions are often the last thing on many people’s minds when they haphazardly post a message.

5 “How will you fix this?”
Social media just like any social space requires kids to behave ethically and with kindness. When kids overstep the mark and post hurtful things then it’s fair that they fix their mistakes, and apologize. It’s reasonable that we teach our children to act with tolerance and with empathy online, and if mean things are posted then they should be expected to try to repair relationships through social media, just as they should offline.

I agree with Galit Breen author of Kindness Wins who says that parents should have conversations with children around social media before they reach the teenage years. Starting these conversations when they are younger means that they are more open to our parenting opinions, as well as being a little more amenable to the messages of tolerance, kindness and empathy that we need to encourage.

Michael Grose
Sustainability tip JJ
Making your heater 20 degrees or higher does not make the room any warmer so keep your heater on 18-20 degrees!

SUSTAINABILITY RE-CAP FOR THE WEEK
This week the Power Rangers went around the school checking the lights, whiteboards, computers and other electronics. Here are our results:
Computers left on: 5
Lights left on: 10
Whiteboards: 0!
Others: 2 fans and 2 TVs
Well done preps again! The only Year level that did not leave any electronics left on.

The Waste Warriors also went around the school doing another audit. Thankfully we have had a slight improvement but we still need to focus on disposing of rubbish in the correct bins.
The main problem this week was paper in the rubbish bins instead of the recycling bins. Remember to bring a nude food lunch and put your rubbish in the correct bin.

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Beaumaris Primary School is excited to be participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.
Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read fifteen books.
All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child’s name to appear on the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge online Honour Roll, please sign the form on the school website and return it to school. [Click here for form.]
To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)
LEVEL LOW DOWN
Foundation

This week in Prep we have been learning how to sort and group objects according to their classifications and features as part of our Maths learning intentions. The students sorted their favourite fruit and vegetables and discussed with each other different ways they could group them according to the different characteristics.

Jonty-2M “We grouped ours with fruit and vegetables that grow on trees and fruit and vegetables that come from the ground.”

Luca-2M- “We put ones together that are all red and then the green and orange vegetables were by themselves.”

The students also went outside and collected many different types of leaves and worked together to discover what was similar and what was different about the leaves.

Sam- 2M- “We have sorted them to groups that have markings and groups that don’t have markings”

Joshua V-2M- “Ours has some with cracked leaves and some that aren’t cracked leaves.”

We’ve had such fun! The bamboo poles that you will soon see in ‘The Colourful’ were painted by us. A huge thank you to Vanessa and Angela for the investment of their time, creativity and enthusiasm in running The Garden Club. The Year Ones have also been scribbling away furiously writing their recounts as well as practising their addition strategies. Procedures and subtraction are soon to follow. Not to forget...the excitement for the Como House excursion is building up!

Year One

Year Two

This week in Year 2 we were very fortunate to have a fondant clinic group up and running. We have been making and modelling fondant into lots of different objects. Some of the students are now writing a procedural text to match the process. Thank you to Sarah P who has been an outstanding helper in the fondant area.

To support our focus on procedural texts we will continue to engage the students in authentic learning experiences such as cooking, paper plane, playdough making or designing games.

Year Three

Exciting times ahead in Year 3, as students get set to embark on their second ERP (Educational Research Project). So far, they have chosen a learning intention and explored how they may link an interest to it. This week’s homework is to collect research and materials so they can begin work on their projects on Tuesday 31st May. It is also exciting for parents and special guests because they are invited to the expo this term, which will be held on Thursday 16th June from 2:40pm – 3:40pm – be there to hear about everything the students have learned about History!
**Year Four**

The students are currently completing the ERP proposal form at school, with input and support from their class teacher. At this stage the students are clear about their interest area and how it links to their selected learning intention. Whilst the teachers are helping the students to resource their project, we are pleased to see that the students are now quite involved in gathering a range of information and resources at home, with parents assisting children to translate researched material into their own words. Please remember that all research is due on Friday 3rd June. The children will be working on their ERP at school over the next few weeks. Our history expo is on Thursday 16th June at 8:30am – 9:30am.

In Math’s this week we have been exploring measurement and using scaled instruments to measure and compare lengths, masses, capacities and time. As well as solving addition and subtraction worded problems. In English we have been learning, reading and writing narratives.

**Year Five**

Education Research Projects are underway! The students have completed their proposal forms - indicating how they plan to link their interest to the learning intentions and how they might present their learning. The student’s interests are diverse and their curiosity is exciting to see. This time, students can work with a partner, as long as they have a shared interest or can in some way link their interests. Working with a partner provides opportunities to communicate, negotiate, compromise and challenge. We look forward to supporting the students through this process.

In maths this week we have been exploring statistics – posing questions, collecting data using tables, representing data with bar and pie graphs and also using Excel to create graphs. A mini pack of M & Ms made for an exciting maths lesson, until the students realised that they couldn’t eat them until a variety of tasks were complete! Needless to say, they worked efficiently.

**Year Six**

For the next few weeks, the year 6 students will be auditioning for Beauty and The Beast. This week auditions were for Belle, Narrators, Gaston, Lefou, Lumiere, and Mrs Potts. Good luck to everyone!

This week we will have interschool sport. The Year 5 and 6s head off yet again to play the winter sports against Sandringham primary school. Good luck to all the teams!

On Wednesday, the dolphin research group went to Sandringham Primary School. They learnt about the marine life in our bays and how coral reefs are bleaching due to global warming.

The media captains
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

Parent Club are excited to advise you of an offer in conjunction with Xtreme Air in Keysborough.
We have secured exclusive jumping time for your Curriculum Free Day next Monday 30th May.
2 hours of jumping for the price of 1 Book online and the price is $16.50 including grip socks - walk in on the day is $19.50. You can book by going to www.xtremeair.com.au and follow the prompts to Monday 30/5 - Beaumaris Primary Booking. They are closing the centre to the general public for this time so it is only Beaumaris Primary students who will be admitted. It is limited to the first 120 bookings - for safety reasons. Following the email about this offer last night via your class rep just over 50% of these spaces have already been booked. $5 from each admission goes back to the school which I have had authorised to go towards purchasing a new tent (marquee) for the school. This will be utilised for multiple uses - inter-school sporting events, fetes, open days etc. The forecast looks like it will be cool with possible showers - perfect indoor jumping weather. Hope to see you there!

Urgent help required. If you can help collect donations for our Hawaiian Luau, even if it’s just a few, it would be a huge help to the fundraising team. Please let me know. Thanks in advance. Ness Newell lochnessmonst71@hotmail.com

Entertainment Book
The new edition of the Entertainment Book is now available for purchase through Beaumaris Primary - still the same price of $65 with $13 of that going straight to the school.
Those of you who have purchased before will know the membership contains offers and discounts for a variety of entertainment & services, including activities, shopping and restaurants.
Memberships are available in both book and digital form, and a sample book will shortly be available at the school office for you to view. If you are interested in purchasing a membership, please do so through the link below: www.entbook.com.au/1869w07 Please note payment cannot be accepted through the school office. Any questions please contact Bec Wattam (classes 2C/4M) 0419 529 638 becwattam@hotmail.com

Scholastic Book Club
Issue 4 of Scholastic book club is due back Monday 6th June. Catalogues are available in the office foyer. Please feel free to help yourself. Please also remember we can’t accept cash. Please pay online by credit card or by cheque. Any queries please contact Ness Newell 0424 329008 lochnessmonst71@hotmail.com

..From your BPS Garden Club

Year 1 has been very busy in the garden with planting Green Fountain Grass seeds. This is preparation for a ‘mass planting scheme’ between the hall and the basketball court area once they become seedlings later in the year.
In addition, all of the Year 1 students have worked on a whole year group project that will be installed by ‘The Colourful’ playground shortly. They have all contributed to the design and we are excited to unveil the final result soon.
On that note, a thank you must go to all the volunteers at the last working bee who helped with the Garden Club job list and (among other things) moved the large concrete planters from one of the school to the other!
The next Garden Club Day is Friday 17th June. No experience necessary!