FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

A friendly reminder school finishes at 2.30pm tomorrow. No Assembly due to this early finish time.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Student Reports on Compass
It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers discussing the progress of their children at interviews with our teachers. Teachers have already started to plan many aspects of the classroom program for next term and they are looking forward to a quick start to new learning in Term 3. If you were unable to attend an interview with your child’s class teacher and you would like to meet with them, please call the office with times you are available and a mutually agreeable time will be arranged.

A strong partnership between home and school promotes student learning
It is timely to mention the ways our parents and teachers work together to build a positive attitude towards school to continually improve and enrich student learning.
♦ The roll out of additional features of Compass in the year ahead to strengthen communication between home and school.
♦ Formal parent/teacher interviews twice yearly as well as all throughout the year, as required.
♦ Weekly updates of events in the very popular Stop Press Level Low Downs.
♦ Fortnightly year level Statements of Intent posted on our website.
♦ Term by term year level newsletters outlining the program, posted on our website.
♦ Teachers outside classrooms after school for informal exchanges of information.
♦ Special events at school posted on our school Facebook page.
♦ Open classrooms during the year to give parents the opportunity to mingle and to build relationships with the teacher.
♦ Parent information sessions at the start of the year.
♦ Parent Information sessions to explain how parents can help their child at home, facilitated by Numeracy and Literacy Consultants, Sue Fine and Julie Shepherd.
♦ The support of parents who, by their involvement in their child’s education, model the importance of engaging in school life and promote the value of life long learning.

Happy holidays everyone
We hope our families enjoy the break. Winter has definitely arrived along with the flu season and the students are certainly ready for a change of pace and some time to relax. Stay safe and return refreshed for Term Three.
I will be taking Long Service Leave and travelling to France with friends. I will resume on July 20th. Mrs Louise Neave will be the Acting Principal in my absence, supported by the Leadership Team.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Louise Neave
Assistant Principal
VILLAGE CINEMAS MOVIE VOUCHERS

With school holidays only a day away we still have plenty of our Village Cinemas movie ticket vouchers. You can purchase your vouchers from the school office, Adult $16.00 and Children $12.50. Simply redeem the vouchers in person at the cinema box office or you can also use them when booking your tickets on line, by entering the unique barcode of the ticket when making payment. The tickets expire on 31 December 2016 so you have plenty of time to use them or they make great birthday gifts.

Kids Matter!

Are you helping your child work through resilience, confidence or friendship challenges? The Wellbeing Team would like to invite you to look at the new Kids Matter display near the office. We have a comprehensive array of fact sheets available which we will be keeping updated. Come and take any that are of interest to you! Please let us know if we can help you with any other resources not on the display.

The Snack Shack

The Snack Shack will reopen on the first Wednesday of term 3 (13th July), opening all other Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays excluding the last day of term. Our Qkr! Sushi Special Lunch Monday was again a huge success and thank you to the parents who volunteered to help prepare for delivery of 522 sushi rolls and 246 soy sauces to our students and staff! Those wishing to volunteer in The Snack Shack in Term 3 should have their forms completed and handed into the office and can expect the roster to be circulated by email during the second week of the holidays. I can't thank the 49 volunteers enough for their support and dedication to The Snack Shack during this term and I look forward to working with you all again and will welcome any newcomers who would like to join us for a bit of fun and chatter while providing your children with the thrill of having you there. Milo Mondays will continue throughout next term. I hope everyone has a wonderful break and see you next term. Ellie Hilton

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.

Compass

Remember you can also now use the Attendance function to advise us of any student absences; this function also enables you to view an attendance summary for your student/s. If you do not advise the school via Compass or through a phone call, then absences will be recorded as “unapproved” or “unexplained” until you enter your approval via Compass. See below for instructions:

Attendance: Entering a Parent Approval

1. From the Compass home screen (or from your student’s profile), click the ‘Actions for’ button for your child and select the ‘Add Parent Approval’ item.
2. From the pop-up window:
   - Select the reason,
   - Enter a brief description of the absence,
   - Select the start and finish time,
   - Click the ‘Save’ button

Note: Where possible, parent approvals should be entered prior to the absence occurring.
Five ways to know you are over-parenting

Here’s 5 tips to find a more balanced approach to over-parenting or helicopter parenting and encourage children to become independent young people.

Times have changed!

When I began as a parenting educator over two decades ago the biggest issues I spoke about in the media generally revolved around under-parenting. Neglected kids; kids with poor or delinquent behaviour and raising kids that lived on society’s margins were popular media topics in the early 1990s.

Now two decades later it’s over-parenting that captures the main media attention. Spoilt kids; kids with a false sense of entitlement and parents that place excessive demands on schools are among the popular media topics right now. These all fit into the over-parenting, or more colloquially helicopter parenting category.

Is over-parenting new?

While we hear a great deal about over-parenting at present it’s not a new phenomenon. Parents of past generations have been overly protective and over-indulgent of their offspring at times, however it does seem many parents today are a little over-anthelusitic in their endeavours to optimise the future prospects of the current generation.

In fact, the defining feature of twenty-first century parents is a fierce determination to provide children with the best possible childhood and the best possible start in life. In pursuit of these admirable goals a parent can easily over-extend their role entailing areas of children’s lives that would have been off-limits to parents a couple of generations ago.

How to know that you are over-parenting

It’s a quiz of twenty-first century parenting that we need an objective measure to assess our parenting. Past generations were satisfied with more subjective measures such as whether their kids were happy; whether they got good marks at school; whether they were employable; and whether or not if they stayed out of trouble (good goal in extreme cases)! It’s safe to say the parenting waters were far clearer in the past than they appear to be now. But the parenting industry has come a long way in a short time so we now have stringent indicators that let us know what parenting track we maybe on. And that, for many people, would appear to be the over-parenting track.

You know you are over-parenting if:

1. You take on all, or nearly all, of a child’s problems.

Kids are good at handballing their problems to their parents. They’ll bring disputes with siblings for you to sort; expect you to take forgotten school lunches to school and pester you to organise their after-school lives. Mums and dads that over-parent invariably end up sorting out all their children’s problems which may make life easier in the short-term, but can mean kids become more dependent on their parents than children in the past.

Point to remember: Leave some problems for kids to solve.

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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.
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2 You regularly do for a child the things he or she can reasonably do for themselves.

It's an irony of modern life that the busier parents get the more we tend to do for kids. In the race to get things done we dress young children; prepare children's snacks and accompany them on trips outside the house even when they are old enough to do these activities themselves. If your child is becoming more rather than less dependent the older he becomes then it's probably time to reassess your parenting.

**Point to remember:** Never do regularly for a child the things they can do for themselves.

3 You take on too many of your child's responsibilities.

Let's look at these questions: Who's responsible for getting your child up each morning? Who's responsible for packing lunches and bags? Who is responsible for cleaning away children's toys? If you answered, "My children, of course," then congratulations, you've shifted responsibility to where it rightfully lay; with kids, if not then you guessed it. It may be time for a parenting reassessment.

**Point to remember:** If you want a child to be responsible then give responsibility to him.

4 You know too much about your child's life.

Being an attentive parent of a small family inevitably means that you know in minute detail every quirk and vagary of your child's life. "He didn't eat all his breakfast this morning. Hmm! That's not good."

5 You parent the individual and not the gang.

If you are constantly trying to make sure life is smooth for each child then you are probably parenting the individual, rather than for the good of the whole family. I'm not talking about 'playing favourites', but having an intense focus on meeting each individual's wants can often be at the expense of family life in general. For instance, you allow a child to go on a sleepover rather than attend the birthday of a sibling. Parenting the gang means that children need to fit into the patterns of family life and don't always get what they want.

**Point to remember:** Raise your small family with a big family mindset.

Most of the research indicates the authoritative approach as 'parenting best practice.' Authoritative parenting is a mix of firmness and warmth; discipline and nurturance; high expectations and relationship building. It's an approach that suits... surprise, surprise... somewhere between over-parenting and under-parenting.

Yay, as always a balanced approach to parenting, as to most things in life, seems to be the best way to go. Who would've thought it!
**LEVEL LOW DOWN**

**Foundation**

This week the Prep Students participated in a PMP session run by the Year 3, 4 and 6 students. The students practised throwing and catching skills, skipping, balancing and learnt the rules to simple ball games.

**Year One**

Have you ever made damper? The Travelling Kitchen took the Years Ones on an exciting cooking journey to the past. We made delicious spinach and spring onion damper. The feedback was terrific!

Agi: I liked squishing the cold, hard and green spinach.
Ellie: I liked it when Ellen (Ava’s Mum) helped me mix the dough.
Ruby: The damper was warm and soft and I loved it!
Freya: I liked mixing the gooey butter in the white flour.
Tom: I loved everything!

The Year 1 teachers would like to wish the students and their parents a well deserved break. Make magic memories!
**Year Two**

All of the Year 2 teachers would like to congratulate all students on a wonderful term. We would like to thank all families who have helped in our classroom activities and on our excursions.

Term 2 highlights:
“Going to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens” – Luke G
“Games day for Miley’s last day” – Jessica N
“Using a map to find the shops at the Beaumaris concourse” – Sam
“Playing with people from different classes” – Polly
“Going on the Beaumaris concourse walk to learn about mapping” – Coco

We would like to wish you all a relaxing and safe school holidays and we are already looking forward to the exciting term we are planning for.

**Year Three**

Congratulations to all Year 3 students on participating in their first ERP expo. It was an exciting and nerve racking experience, but they clearly articulated their learning intentions, interests and everything they learnt about the subject focus. Teachers and parents were also very impressed with the content and presentation of the projects.

Well done Year 3!

Year 3 teachers would like to wish our families a safe and happy holiday period. We look forward to seeing you back in the second half of the year.

**Year Four**

Wow, where has the term gone? We have been very busy. Some of the highlights have been the Cross Country run, our excursion to the Melbourne Museum and our very successful History Expo and growing seedlings in the Kitchen Garden. Which we all enjoy!

Next term Year 4 students will then begin our new subject focus on Science. We will also hold our Science Expo late in Term 3. We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the Year 4 students on a wonderful semester.

We want to wish the students and their families’ a happy and safe holiday. We are looking forward to seeing you all rested for a busy Term 3.

**Year Five**

The Year 5 teaching team wish all our families a safe and restful holiday. We will see everyone on 11th July, ready for a busy and exciting Term 3.

**Year Six**

This week is the last week of Term 2! All of the Year sixes are ready for a holiday! This week we are helping the Preps in sport instead of inter school sport which finished last week.

Elise and Milla presented our Bully Stoppers video at Brighton Primary School on Monday. They had a great time presenting and asking questions at assembly. On Thursday students from Year 5 and 6 are going to Dendy Oval Park, to participate in the female AFL Round Robin.

The Year 6’s have been working really hard on getting their belts in Japanese. A lot of them will be receiving the orange belt soon.

We hope everyone has a great holiday and we will see you in Term 3!
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB……

Parent Club wish all our families a happy and safe holiday, looking forward to seeing you back in Term 3. Just a reminder the next parent club meeting is Tuesday 12 July 9.05am in the staff room, all are welcome.

Entertainment Book
Digital and Book Entertainment memberships are still available via the school. Memberships cost $65, with $13 from each sale going directly to the school. Families may not be aware that membership can be shared across more than one device, so the whole family can take advantage on the savings on activities, dining and more. Grab one now in time for the holidays - books are available and digital membership gives you immediate access. Click the link to purchase.

Any questions please contact Bec 0419 529 638 or becwattam@hotmail.com


Hawaiian Luau Social Night
As you know the Luau is not far away now and it should be a fabulous night. Don't forget to save the date Sat August 20th!

We are looking for 6-8 businesses or families that may like to be a $250 major sponsor of this event. We have a sponsorship package and letter we can email you detailing the benefits. If you are at all interested please get in touch with myself Ness Newell - lochnessmonst71@hotmail.com or Fiona Love - brownfm@netspace.net.au

Also, one of the games at our Hawaiian Luau social night will be wine grab. We are asking for donations of wine, beer or spirits to make this game a success. If you could contribute even one bottle it would be greatly appreciated. Parents please take any donations to the school office (children are not allowed to transport alcohol). Alternatively if you are able to donate a voucher, goods or a service I'd love to hear from you or it can be left at the office at any time.

Many thanks  Ness Newell lochnessmonst71@hotmail.com

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