FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families,

We have had a wonderful start to our centenary year. There is a positive vibe around the school. Thank you to Parent Club for organising the coffee cart on the first day. Quite a few parents lingered after 9.00am to catch up over a coffee. The students are settling in well overall and are gradually being introduced to the routines of their new class.

Thank you to all of our teachers for the time they spent at school during the holidays preparing their classrooms for their students. Our teachers are highly committed to the students and to the school.

Welcome to our new families

Welcome to all our Foundation students as they start their schooling. It is great to hear the sound of happy voices drifting from their classrooms down the hallway into the office area. Welcome also to the 21 new students and their families as they join classes across the school. We look forward to getting to know you.

Welcome to our new teachers

We welcome the following teachers to the Beaumaris PS teaching team:

Foundation: Ms Chloe Lucas
Year 1: Miss Stephanie Volkov
Year 2: Miss Megan Chudleigh
Year 6: Miss Sinead Pritchard

and we welcome back Ellie Hilton who has been appointed as permanent Canteen Manager.

Congratulations to Amy Lapthorne on the safe arrival of baby Meg

Baby Meg arrived happy and healthy in the middle of January as expected. Amy too is well and plans to visit school soon to introduce us all to her beautiful daughter.

Curriculum Days 28th and 29th January

Our teachers spent two days undertaking professional learning focused on:

- the first draft of our Strategic Plan for 2015-2018.
- developing our professional development program for 2015 including the use of both external consultants and internal experts from within our teaching team to deliver learning opportunities to our students, teachers and parents.
- preparing the learning space to match our pedagogy.
- curriculum planning using Curriculum Organiser presented by Daryl Brooks, Educational Consultant.

Curriculum Day March 10th

Parents are advised that our next curriculum day will be on Tuesday March 10th following Labour Day. David Anderson, Educational Consultant, will be working with our teachers on that day.

Buildings and Grounds

Contractors were able to complete the installation of the new portable in time for the start of the school year. Our Year 3 students, Mrs Hebard, Mrs Angelis and Mr Eden are delighted with their new space. Other minor repairs and maintenance were completed around the school as well as regular watering of the oval over the summer break.
Garden Club 2015

A huge thank you to Heather Ferguson for all the work she has done coordinating the Garden Club over the years. Her hard work and expertise have been greatly valued and appreciated. Heather has let us know that she is unable to continue this year. She hopes that someone is interested in coordinating the Garden Club so that their great work can continue. Please let us know if you are interested.

A letter from Heather......

I appreciate all the work that was done by Lisa, Wendy and Chris in my absence last year and to anyone who managed to get to any of the Garden Club days.
It’s a job that could easily be shared. Please think about this if you have any time to spare. It is not a difficult task and there are lots of enthusiastic gardeners to help on garden days.
I did schedule loose dates for Garden Club to meet last year when asked by the Parent Club to provide “important dates”. Obviously these are loose and can be changed to suit the members of the group.
Generally Garden Club meets 4th Friday of every month during term. This can differ based on when holidays fall.
Heather.

Bike Enclosure

Students have started to store their bikes in the enclosure. All students must enter through the sliding gate on Emily Street. The area will be locked soon after 9am each day and unlocked just before 3.30pm. Please remember the bike enclosure is not locked overnight or over the weekend, so please ensure bikes/scooters are not left at these times.

A reminder - we recommend that only those students who have passed their School Bike Ed certificate ride to school unaccompanied. All other students that ride to school should be supervised by an adult. We ask that parents of all students riding to school remind their children to take care on the roads and observe road signs and road rules. We have reports of a number of students riding across junctions without first stopping to look.

Whole School Assembly moved to Fridays at 3pm for 2015.
Assembly will now take place on Fridays at 3pm. The move has been made to accommodate our timetable. We are a large school and there are many weekly programs that will be more easily managed with assembly scheduled on Fridays.

Open Classrooms Friday 6th February from 3-3.30pm
In lieu of our first assembly, our teachers extend an invitation to parents to come along to an informal gathering in the classroom. The children will talk about their learning environment with their parents. The teachers are looking forward to meeting parents and we hope everyone can come along.

Parent Information Evenings : Please check dates below
Teachers invite parents to attend the following sessions:
Year 1: 6.30-7.30pm Wednesday 11th February in the Hall
Year 2: 7.30-8.30pm Wednesday 11th February in the Hall
Year 3: 7.30-8.30pm Wednesday 11th February in the 3AH/3E classroom
Year 4: 7.30-8.30pm Wednesday 11th February in the Susan Arnts Learning Centre
Foundation: 6.30-7.30pm Wednesday 18th February in the Susan Arnts Learning Centre
Year 5: 7.30-8.30pm Wednesday 25th February in the Susan Arnts Learning Centre
Year 6: 7.30-8.30 pmWednesday 25th February in the Susan Arnts Learning Centre

Sheryl M. Skewes  Neven Paleka
Principal  Assistant Principal

KONNECTIVE

Konnective is a free mobile app solution that allows us to communicate with you, our parents, straight to your smartphone. We send out news, events, reminders and more so that you can be even more connected with your children’s events at the school. Using the Konnective app, you can add events directly to your phone’s calendar, set reminders for things you need to do and receive important alerts (similar to a text message) as soon as they are released. Via the app, send communication to specific year levels, so you receive information specific to your child’s year as well as general news, events and reminders that will go to everyone. For example if an excursion or camp bus is running late we will only send a message to the parents of the year level affected. This will extend and enhance our existing communications (like Stop Press and our website).

We encourage you to be a part of this school initiative and give us your feedback. For those without a smartphone there is a web mobile version as well as a website version.

You can now upload the free app from the app store and register. To install the app, just follow the instructions below for the type of phone you have.

iPhone users: Click on www.konnective.com.au/appstore go to the AppStore and download the Konnective app (it’s free).
Android users: Click on www.konnective.com.au/googleplay go to the Google Play store and download the Konnective app (it’s free)
For all other smartphone users or to use the website version: Go to http://www.konnective.com.au/register.
Slow Down, School’s Back!
School speed limits apply outside every school in Victoria to increase the safety for our most vulnerable road users—children.
All Victorian drivers are reminded that school speed limits will apply across Victoria from Thursday 29 January 2015. Speed limits will be reduced to either 40kmh or 60km/h outside schools in the morning from 8am to 9.30am and in the afternoon from 2.30pm to 4pm. (reminder: our school has a permanent 40km/h speed limit).
For information on school speed zones visit the VicRoads website. While you’re there, check out their fun and informative road safety apps.

Instrumental Music Lessons
Currently at Beaumaris we offer private music lessons as part of our extra-curricular activities. We have two visiting companies, Musicorp who conduct group lessons (currently for percussion, guitar and flute) and Poco Music who offer private piano, violin, singing, guitar and drum kit lessons at Beaumaris primary school during class hours.
For Poco Music visit www.pocomusic.com.au, email at: admin@pocomusic.com.au or call our office on 9584 7341.
For Musicorp you can collect a flyer at the school office or visit www.musicorp.com.au or call 1300858911.

The Red Project Soft Plastic Collection
Welcome back to another sustainable year! This year our focus is on “Energy” and we will let you know more about this soon.
With regard to our soft plastic recycling collection, due to cuts in government funding we now have to pay to have our soft plastic waste collected. Therefore while we strongly encourage all our families to have a soft plastic waste collection at home, we need you to take it to Woolworths or Coles, where they have collection bins. A collection bin will no longer be available at school.
By providing nude food lunches for your children we should be able to minimise and eventually eliminate plastic food waste at school. Thank you for your cooperation. Lindy McManus

Canteen
Students and their families will be pleased to hear that the canteen re-opens Monday the 9th Feb and will continue to be open on Mondays and Wednesdays. You can now order your lunch online via our Qkr App—your orders must be placed by 9am on the day and you can even order in advance! Just follow this link for instructions: QKR Canteen
As the weather is going to be very summery, we will have lots of frozen watermelon and pineapple rings to keep you cool at 80cents each. Our icy poles and cold juice boxes are also ready to go! To help our Foundation Students, we have introduced a “Foundation Only” queuing area at the canteen and would ask all students to look after our new girls and boys queuing up and to see if you can remember what it was like when you were that age too! See you all soon, Ellie Hilton.

Supervision of dogs
We would like to remind parents about the Bayside Council regulations governing dogs entering school grounds. At no time are dogs allowed inside the school grounds—i.e. within the black fence which surrounds the school. This includes after school hours and weekends.
Dogs must not be left tied up and unattended outside the school at pick up time. The dog must be within effective sight and voice control of the owner AT ALL TIMES. If your dog accompanies you to school at pick up time, please arrange for your child to meet you outside the school gates, so you are able to stay with your pet.
Unattended dogs (even the best behaved ones) are a potential risk to other students, siblings and parents; large crowds, noise, additional attention and excitement around school drop up and pick up can stress pets and causes uncharacteristic behaviour.

Ignite Bollywood Dance Company classes will be commencing on Tuesday 3rd of Feb 2015 in the school Hall. It’s $100 for the term and enrolment forms are at the office.
Jagriti Bhatia
Director
Ignite Bollywood Dance Company
www.ignitebollywood.com.au
Phone: 0423080724
Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

1. **Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve**
   Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. **Keep your expectations reasonable and positive**
   If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. **Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home**
   One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. **Send kids to school ready to learn and on time**
   Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. **Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes**
   Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can change. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. **Skill children to work with others**
   Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. **Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties**
   Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. **Participate in class & school activities**
   There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. **Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience**
   Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make good judgements about your child.

10. **Talk up what happens at school**
    Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.
LEVEL LOW DOWN
Foundation

What a great start to the year with all the new Foundation students! They are beginning to understand how long a school day really is and they have all worked out that they get to eat much more than they did at pre-school! This week we have been concentrating on routines and expectations and the students have met their specialist teachers for their very first specialist lesson. We have set ‘class norms’ where we discussed being together as a group and posed a question “How might you like to be treated at school?” We have all made a class poster to help us remember how treat our friends and how to help each other to learn. We have also leaped right into investigations and have enjoyed making new friends, exploring different classrooms, seeing some pre-school friends and working together.

2 big favours from Mrs. Redlich!

- I would love to complete my Woolworths animal card album, but I am missing quite a few cards. Unfortunately it was late when I started collecting the animal cards! The cards make a wonderful maths resource as well as learning all the wonderful animal facts and using them during investigation time. If anyone has spare ‘Woolworths’ cards of the following numbers I would really appreciate them being sent to me.

  Card numbers needed - 11 13 14 18 20 24 33 39 42 45 58 61 83 87 91 93 96 97 124 153

- I have collected a wonderful hand-made wooden dolls house which the Foundation students just love but we need dolls and doll furniture if your children have out grown such items.

Thank you in anticipation
Anna Redlich

Year One

Welcome back everyone! We’d like to especially welcome our new students Sarah in 1D, Finley and Louie in 1R. We are also lucky to have a brand new teacher working in grade one this year. Her name is Miss Volkov and she teaches 1V. She has come from Hawthorn West Primary School where she taught year 1/2.

In year one this week we have been concentrating on getting to know all the children in our class. We’ve been sharing our interests, things that make us special, things that we are good at and things we’d like to get better at. We’ve also jumped straight into investigations! If you find any useful items for our learning centres at home (e.g boxes, material, paper, ribbon etc) we would greatly appreciate any donations.

Don’t forget to bring your library books back every Thursday. From Monday 9th February we will be changing our home readers. This will happen every Monday. We are really looking forward to 2015!

Year Three

Happy new year family and friends, welcome back to school and welcome to Year 3! Some very big things transpired over the holidays, we are very excited to announce the grand opening of two brand new classrooms to home 3AH and 3E. The official handover took place last Wednesday with an overly excited Mrs Hebard (who has waited a very long time for a brand new room) arriving extra early to set up her new room.

This week our Year 3’s wrote a letter to their teacher sharing exciting things about them like interests and hobbies, goals and aspirations and what they are looking forward to about being a Year 3 student at BPS.
Year Two

The Year twos have been settling in to their new learning environments (see photos above) and have been getting to know their new classmates and teachers. They have participated in a range of activities to get to know one another, including holiday bingo and team relays. Thankyou to all the parents who have donated some resources. Our cupboards are now jam packed and we will let you know when we require more goodies. We are looking forward to e-Smart day on Friday where we will build on our knowledge of Cyber safety and using technology safely. We invite all parents to view our learning spaces from 3pm on Friday. We have some very excited students who would like to share the work they have completed thus far.

Year Four

In Year 4 we have been very busy settling in to our new classes as well as enjoying specialist classes for the first time, working in the kitchen garden and meeting our Foundation buddies. Throughout the year we will be working in the ICT lab with our buddies, which we are very much looking forward to.

It is very important that we all have our art smocks at school next week so our uniform is protected, so please bring it along if you haven’t already.

We are all very excited about the year ahead, and in particular going to camp at Arrabri Lodge in the last week of term. More information re camp will be sent home soon.
Year Five

Grade 5 is very excited about moving into the SALC and has had the opportunity to work together in the shared learning space. Here is what some of our students have to say about their new learning environment:

“This large new learning space is fantastic!” Charlie
“I love how it is such a massive space and all the grade 5’s can work together.” Zara
“I think it gives us a great space to work in for our ERPs and lots of computers for research.” Byron

The students and staff have been busy preparing for Sovereign Hill, and we are really looking forward to the chance to step back in time. In preparation for camp, we have launched our term one subject focus, History! This week we have explored the first learning intention, the reasons for establishing British colonies in Australia.

We are sure by now you have seen and discussed your child’s diary with them. This is an organisational tool that supports learning and we invite you to use the diary to communicate with your child’s teacher.

Joe Lilburne, Pip Madden, Louise Neave

Year Six

The Year 6 team would like to welcome Miss Sinead Pritchard to Beaumaris Primary School. We wish her luck in her first year.

The Year 6 students have settled into their new classrooms and are eager to take on their responsibilities as leaders of the school. This week the students have met with their Foundation buddies and have been helping them in the yard at recess and lunchtime.

The students have been busily getting ready for camp. On Monday morning we will head off to Merricks Lodge Aqua Camp for a week of fun in the sun and surf. Having a camp so early in the year is great for team building and making new friends. The students will be challenged to step outside their comfort zone and take risks by doing activities they might not normally get to do. The weather forecast looks nice and hot. Fingers crossed it stays that way.

Wish the year six’s all the best for their last camp at B.P.S.
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

A warm welcome to the new year to all new and existing families. I hope that you have all enjoyed your time with family away from school and are all ready to enjoy a variety of activities that parent club have in store for 2015. Our first meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24th February. I would welcome you all to come along and find out what the Parent Club are responsible for around the school, a review on activities that we held in 2014, an overview of what 2015 activities we have planned and how you can be involved.

For those that read our Key Dates flyer that was attached to the final newsletter for 2014, please do not be confused, as I was with the term dates – the ACT school term dates have been referred to and not the Victorian school term dates!! All events listed on the flyer will be put onto our website on the Parent Club tomorrow.

See you all throughout the year at various locations in the school.

Fiona Love
President 2014

Scholastic Book Club
This year our school is continuing to participate in the Scholastic Book Club. Twice a term your child will bring home book catalogues with age appropriate books in them. If you would like to order any please fill out the form on the back of the catalogue and return it to school by the due date. Spare catalogues are in the office foyer. Please feel free to order from any/all of the catalogues. You can pay by credit card directly to Scholastic either online or over the phone. Or you can pay by cheque made out to Scholastic which you send into school with your order. Please do not send cash. Your books will arrive approx a week after the due date and will be delivered to your child's classroom. If they are a present or you would rather collect the books yourself please either phone, text or email Ness Newell who is the book club coordinator so she can arrange this with you. Her details are 0424329008 lochnessmonst71@hotmail.com The best benefit of the book club is that school earns 20% of free books and resources for every order. The first catalogues will go out today and are due back by Thursday 19th February. Please contact Ness if you have any further questions.

Wastesavers
A reminder that our new initiative “Bag it and Bring it!” runs throughout the year so if you have anything to recycle please bring it to school and put it in the special recycling bin opposite the lost property cupboard. Since first collection on Tuesday 2nd Dec we have already raised $86.75 for our school.
BFAC Meet &
Greet Evening

Tuesday 17th February 7.30pm

Beaumaris Primary School Father’s Activity Club

All Dads (and male guardians) are cordially invited to attend our special BFAC Meet & Greet Evening on Tuesday 17th February. Join us in the BPS Kitchen Garden area, for a free sausage sizzle and a refreshing beverage.

This is an ideal opportunity to meet other fathers and male guardians from the school in a relaxed environment. The Beaumaris Primary School Father’s Activity Club is open to all fathers (and male guardians) of children who attend the school. The club meets throughout the year—normally monthly—and membership is free. Founded in 2003, BFAC is about No Hard Sell, No Hard Work. It is designed to provide fathers with an opportunity to gather together in a social atmosphere for a laugh, and to join in social events for fun.

Social events may include Go-Karting, Bowling and Pool Night, as well as organising and enjoying signature events like the Drive-In Movie night at the school.
Wallbrink Garden
22 Lang Street Beaumaris
Saturday March 28 to Sunday March 29
10am to 4:30pm

Our Beaumaris garden will be open to the public through Open Gardens Australia. The Entry Fee is $8 (children under 18 admitted free) and we are able to nominate a beneficiary for proceeds (or part of the proceeds) from our ticket entry sales or sales from other things like a sausage sizzle. As part of the open garden weekend we will donate some funds raised to the BPS Garden club.

We are planning to make the weekend a fun couple of days and include as many local people as possible. As a part of the event, we are organising:

- A sculpture exhibition by local artists.
- Music in the garden by local musicians and singers.
- A local indigenous plant sale.
- Information on the design of the garden.

Link to the Open Gardens Calendar:

Our garden is a really fun sustainable garden that kids love.

Steve and Karen Wallbrink
A DAY ON OAK ST
SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2015

Featuring: ROSS WILSON & THE PEACENIKS
followed by the Large Number 12s, Melbourne’s Premier Pub Rock Band
PLAYING ALL THE CLASSICS....
‘EAGLE ROCK’, ‘COME BACK AGAIN’, ‘COME SAID THE BOY’ & MANY MORE...

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