FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Parent Club Social Event: Hawaiian Luau
August 20th 7.30pm
Tickets available on Qkr!
Looking forward to seeing you there
Online Silent Auction goes live on
Monday 15th August

Parent Club Communication Board
A board has been installed at the end of the Year 3 classrooms. Parent Club will use the board to display news and information about upcoming events.

Book Fair Open Monday to Thursday next week
The Book Fair will be open next week from 8.30–9.00am and 3.30–4.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
Our students enjoy browsing through the selection of books on display and some may wish to make a purchase to add to their personal collection.
Thank you to Mrs Julia Jones and Miss Lindy McManus for organising the Book Fair. Thank you to all our teachers who have offered to assist with sales each morning and afternoon.
The Book Fair will be set up in the centre of the Year 5 and 6 building.
Thank you to parents for your support. Funds raised from purchases by families contribute towards the purchase of books for our library and ensure our book stock is continually replenished.

Our Chickens are settling in: fresh eggs available for $6 a dozen at the front office
The Year 4 students and teachers have established a great routine to ensure our chickens are well cared for. The care of the chickens provides our students with real life opportunities to develop responsibility, initiative, time management and organizational skills with the guidance of their teachers. Thank you to the Year 4 students and their teachers.
Thank you also to the parents who have been monitoring the care of the chickens on weekends. We really appreciate your support in these early stages in particular, and in to the future. Thank you to all parents who have offered their time and support during the weekends and into the holiday periods.

Sick Children
There are a number of viruses circulating the school at present including various colds and flu and gastro. If your child is showing any signs of being unwell we would appreciate you keeping them at home until they are fully recovered. Infection can spread to classmates and class teachers. In case of gastro, children need to be clear of symptoms for 24 hours before they return to school. Many thanks for your support, and we wish a speedy recovery to students who are unwell.

Whole School Planning 2017
At this time of year we begin forward planning for the new year and our planning relies on accurate enrolment information. Families can assist us in two ways:
1. Prep Enrolments for 2017: A friendly reminder

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If you have a child commencing in Prep in 2017 and the child is not yet enrolled please collect an enrolment form at the office and return it before the end of next week.

2. If you are relocating in the new year, please let us know now
Sadly, as in all school communities, some families relocate at the end of the year. We will miss you and we wish you well. It is very helpful for our planning and much appreciated at this early stage, if you could please advise the office before the end of Term 3 if you know you will not be returning to BPS in 2017.

Whole School Photo Monday August 15th
The whole school photo and sports team photos will be taken on Monday. Please ensure students are wearing complete school uniform. Thank you.

First Aid Training and Anaphylaxis Update
Last Monday evening our teachers renewed their training in these areas. Graham, from the Healthguard Team, presented all the latest information available and step by step processes to manage allergic reactions, CPR and first aid in a range of scenarios that may arise at school.

Sheryl M. Skewes    Louise Neave
Principal        Assistant Principal

Raffle Ticket Sales
2 DAYS TO GO!
Please return your raffle tickets, sold or unsold, asap. We are hoping to sell tickets at the Concourse this Saturday so urgently need all unsold books.
Thank you!

Congratulations!
Word Mania competition winner for Round One. Beaumaris Primary School placed in the top three in MELBOURNE SOUTH!
Make sure you are playing to give our school the best chance of winning Round Two this week and a chance to become a Word Mania 2016 National Finalist!

THE SNACK SHACK
Can students please remember that lunch orders are prepared for lunch only, so please do not come to The Snack Shack at recess asking for items from your lunch order. Please bring a separate snack, or money to buy a snack over the counter, on days when you have a lunch order.
Parents, our roster is full now for the remainder of the term, thank you all so much for your commitment to The Snack Shack, we couldn’t keep it operating without you. Ellie Hilton.

Sustainability Tip
Start a worm farm for your compost at home.

Sustainability re-cap of the week
In sustainability time last week the Year 6’s participated in a rubbish relay game to help them dispose of waste in the correct bins and the Year 4’s did gardening in the kitchen garden. A special mention goes to Morgan and Grace from Year 1 who did a yard clean up during lunchtime. Well done girls!
Remember to keep bringing nude food to school and help BPS be more sustainable.
This week the TLFS students met with Karen Jones from the Eco Centre about leadership. They presented their quizzes to the other TLFS students.
The students attending the 2016 Kids Teaching Kids Conference will start work on there bat boxes project soon.
Make sure you are being sustainable as the Power Rangers and Bin Busters will do some more audits this week.
Thank you,
The Sustainability Captains
Benchmarking children’s progress with that of other children is not a wise parenting strategy. Inevitably, it will lead to parent frustration as there will always be a child who performs better than your own on any scale you use.

Have you ever compared your child’s behaviour, academic progress or social skills with a sibling or your friend’s children? Comparing your child with others is a stress-inducing and, ultimately, useless activity.

But it’s hard to resist, as we tend to assess our progress in any area of life by checking out how we compare with our peers. When you were a child in school you probably compared yourself to your schoolmates. Your teachers may not have graded you, but you knew who the smart kids were and where you ranked in the pecking order.

Now that you have kids of your own do you still keep an eye on your peers? Do you use the progress and behaviour of their kids as benchmarks to help you assess your own performance as well as your child’s progress? Or perhaps you compare your child to yourself at the same age?

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**Kids develop at their own rates**

Each child has his or her own developmental clock, which is nearly impossible to alter. There are slow bloomers, early developers, bright sparks and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom. The slow bloomers can cause the most concern for parents who habitually compare children to siblings, their friends’ kids and even themselves when they were in school.

The trick is to focus on your child’s improvement and effort and use your child’s results as the benchmark for his or her progress and development. “Your spelling is better today than it was a few months ago” is a better measure of progress than “Your spelling is the best in the class.”

**Gender matters**

It’s no secret that boys’ and girls’ brains were developed by different architects. One major difference lies around timing, or maturity. The maturity gap between boys and girls is anywhere between 12 months and two years. This gap seems to be consistent all the way to adulthood.

Quite simply, girls have a developmental head start over boys in areas such as handwriting, verbal skills and relationship skills.

Boys benefit greatly from teaching strategies designed for their specific needs. They also benefit from having teachers and parents who recognise that patience is a virtue when teaching and raising boys, as it seems to take longer for many boys to learn and develop.

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... The pitfall of using other children as benchmarks ...

**Kids have different talents, interests and strengths**

So your eight-year-old can't hit a tennis ball like Novak Djokovic, even though your neighbour's child can. Avoid comparing the two as your child may not care about tennis anyway.

It's better to help your child identify his or her own talents and interests. Also recognise that the strengths and interests of a child may be completely different to those of his or her peers and siblings.

**Avoid linking your parenting self-esteem to your child's performance**

As a parent you should take pride in your children’s performance at school, in sport or their leisure activities. Seeing your child do well is one of the unsung pleasures of parenting. You should also celebrate their achievements and milestones, such as taking their first steps, getting their first goal in a game or getting great marks at school.

However, you shouldn’t have too much personal stake in your children's success or milestones, as this close association makes it hard to separate yourself from them. It may also lead to excessive parental pressure for kids to do well for the wrong reasons — to please you!

The maxim “You are not your child” is a challenging but essential parental concept to live by. Doing so takes real maturity and altruism, but it is the absolute foundation of that powerful thing known as “unconditional love”.

Michael Grose
**LEVEL LOW DOWN**

**Foundation**

The Prep students had a fantastic day on Friday celebrating the opening of the Olympic Games. The students dressed in their country’s colours; participated in three different sports with each of the Prep teachers; and shared food from their class country. Prep M’s country was South Africa, Prep P was Zimbabwe and Prep T was lucky enough to be Brazil, the host country. The day started with an opening ceremony, where students paraded at assembly to their national anthem and waving their country’s flag. Mrs Skewes gave the opening address and Raphael (Benjamin from Prep T’s sister) translated Mrs Skewes’ speech in to French. The students had a fantastic day, learnt lots about the Olympics and the sports and country of each class. We would like to thank the parents that helped on the day and those that provided special food for the students to share. We hope you enjoy the next few weeks of Olympic excitement.

**Year One**

Another week has flashed by in Year 1. Olympics Day was fabulous! Since then, we’ve been tallying the medals in maths, learning about Rio in guided reading and planning what event we are going to win in 2024. Something else that is special is that all the Year 1 classes have pre-service teachers during the next two weeks. We value this opportunity to share our passion for teaching and the learning successes of our awesome kids with future teachers. Finally, thank you to every parent who has supported their child with real-life opportunities to tell the time and count change.
This week in English we started writing persuasive texts. The students have been working through the Jenny Eather text planner and coming up with their own reasons to persuade the reader. Here are a few examples:

Olivia 2E – Although not everyone would agree with me, I would like to argue that all children should go on family holidays.
Paige 2B – Another reason is lots of children can have fun on the iPad. There are lots of games that can teach children how to pronounce long words.
Ethan 2E – Furthermore my final reason why every child should watch the Olympics is if you don’t watch it you won’t know which country wins the most medals.

In math rotations we have been focussing on arrays and groups of. The students have really enjoyed making their own arrays and playing various math games. Ask your child how to play Land Grab!

Year Three

Olympic Day was an absolute blast last Friday! We started the day off with the big opening ceremony, where all the classes in the school paraded their flags to their adopted country’s national anthem, it was a very moving experience. We have included photos from one of our Year 3 events; discus. Olympians generally have four years to train for the Olympics, however we trained and made our own discuses in fourteen minutes! Congratulations to Jean-Baptiste for taking out this event and holding the new Beaumaris Primary School discus record. It was not all about winning on the day however and overall we took pride in demonstrating important life values such as friendship and respect. Thank you to everyone from the Beaumaris school community for making this day such a success.

Year Four

Year 4 have been busily conducting a variety of science experiments testing materials and creating forces. We love being scientists and thinking about how we can link our learning intentions with our interests. We are very busy looking after the chickens and we are looking forward to the Book Week performance, the Book Fair and visiting Scienceworks next Wednesday. What a week!
Congratulations

Congratulations to Indi who travelled to Brisbane to compete in the National Aerobics Competition. Indi placed first in pairs and third in singles for her age group in Australia. What a fantastic achievement!

House Talent Show

On Monday and Wednesday this week, the Performing Arts Captains and the House Captains held the House Talent Show. The show was a great success with a lot of spectators coming to watch competitors from all houses. Congratulations go to Sofia and Phoebe (4DG) and Belle (1/2W) and Sophie (2C) who tied for first place in Sturt House, Emily (3R) from Murray House, Charlize (5M), from Mitchell House and Ella (2E) from Flinders House. The acts from Murray and Sturt will perform at assembly this week and Mitchell and Flinders winners next week. Congratulations to all participants for their courage when performing in front of their peers.
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Bid to Build... Online Auction
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August 15-22

major school fundraising event 2016
Hawaiian Night
Loud Shirts - Smooth Music
@ Sandy by the Bay
YOU'RE WARMLY INVITED TO COME ALONG

7.30pm Saturday 20th August
LUAU includes Welcome Drink, Canapés, DJ, Photo Booth fun, Live Auctions, Raffle Draw, good company PLUS games with great Prizes incl Best Dressed! WEAR Floral, Beachie or Coconuttty!

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FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

Whole School Disco – Friday 26th August
A fundraising event co-ordinated by Parent Club. Each child to complete a School Disco form if wishing to attend. $7.00 per child to attend – includes glow wrist band and bottle of water. Session times are outlined per year level to enable all students to cut some moves on the Hall dance floor.

Please return forms to office by Tuesday 23rd August.

Father’s Day stall – Thursday 1st September
A fundraising event co-ordinated by Parent Club. Children to bring $7 and a plastic bag on the day. Each class will be taken across to the stall to choose a gift for their father or father figure. Children not wishing to partake in this will remain with their class and all return to the class room together. If any gifts remain after class visits the children can purchase a second gift! The office will convey this to school prior to lunchtime on the day! Children must have the $7 on the day, no IOU’s are taken.

Footy Breakfast – Friday 2nd September
A fundraising event co-ordinated by Parent Club. Commences at 7.30am at school grounds, breakfast served from shade cloth area. Children to come along with their Dad, Grandfather or special friend. Majority of males attend this day with the children as it is an event aimed at this group within the school community, but there are a number of female – mum or special friends who also attend this day with their children. This is a ticketed event where RSVP and payment prior is required for catering purposes. Volunteers from Year 4 are asked to assist. The morning includes breakfast, a gold coin drive – coins collected for each team which go towards State Schools Relief and our World Vision sponsorship. A footy match between the teachers and the Year 5/6 students will conclude the mornings celebrations. The breakfast and gold coin drive finish around 8.45am and the football match starts at around 9.15am and will finish by 10.15am – parents are welcome to stay for this as well. Bring along gold coins and dress in AFL footy wear – both optional.

Please pay on Qkr by Thursday 25th August. Tickets to be distributed to families on Wednesday 31st August.

BEAUMARIS PS

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Play Soccer with your friends in the Kelly Sports Soccer Clinic. Now with 2 levels of coaching. Beginners (prep-1) and Soccer Squad (y 2+)

WHEN: Friday
COMMENCING: 15/7/16
CONCLUDING: 16/9/16
TIME: 3.35-4.35

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COST: Soccer $125

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VENUE: Soccer: School Oval
GUESSING CLAW MACHINE

Smith Family Back 2 School Fundraiser

Guess how many items are in the claw machine! Every dollar you donate gets you one guess! For example, if you donate 3 dollars, you get 3 guesses. Whoever guesses the correct amount by the 12th of September 2016 wins the claw machine and everything inside it! Wow!

Come by the OSHC room between 7AM-9AM or 2:30PM-6PM and speak to the friendly team members to find more information, donate to a great cause, and win!

All money raised goes to The Smith Family charity. The Smith Family supports disadvantaged Australian children to participate fully in their education, giving them the best chance at breaking the cycle of disadvantage. Their learning support and mentoring programs help children in need to fit in at school, keep up with their peers, and build aspirations for a better future for themselves.

The Camp Australia Foundation (tCAF) will also support your efforts and dollar match the amount you raise.

See you at OSHC! ©

JOIN THE Fun

Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: