FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Parent Social Event Hawaiian Luau a huge success

Wow, what a wonderful night was had by all. Over one hundred parents enjoyed a great evening of fun and laughter together. On behalf of School Council, and School Council President Tony Falkingham, all the students, teachers and parents, a huge thank you is extended to Ness Newell and her team for the superb coordination of all the behind the scenes arrangements with the support of Parent Club and Parent Club President Liz Laws. The night was just fantastic.

Online Auction: Bidding has reopened for some unsold items
The online auction was well subscribed and many lucky bidders are the owners of some great bargains. At this stage the auction has raised approximately $10,000 with payments continuing to arrive all the time. A more exact result will be known in the coming weeks once all items have been collected. Again, thank you to Ness and her team for all their work. Feedback about the online auction has been very positive. Funds raised will contribute to the construction of a learning deck.

Thank you to our sponsors
Many organisations, quite a few owned by parents, sponsored the Hawaiian Luau. On behalf of the entire school community we extend a big thank you to:

BC Dental
Flight Centre
Buxton Sandringham

O’Briens Real Estate
Sanctuary Yoga
Evesham Consultancy

Monami
IGA Concourse
Ray White

Wisteria
Peacock Bros.
Bosch Service

Party Boom Event Agency

Thank you also to Adam Saunders, our auctioneer on the night and to Geri O’Malley for creating the designs for the advertising boards and flyers.

Beaumaris PS School Magazine
A friendly reminder to families that orders and payment for the school magazine must be made on Qkr!. We need to place the orders next week and we need to know final numbers by Monday.

Whole School Working Bee on Sunday August 28th
Many hands make light work. We have some mulch to spread and some old shrubs to be removed. If you and the family have some time to spare on Sunday between 9 and 11.00am your help would be greatly appreciated. A sausage sizzle at 11.00am will conclude the morning.

School Disco tomorrow night
The fun never stops at BPS. We hope many students come along to enjoy the disco.

House Athletics on Monday at Dolomore Oval
Any parent volunteers to assist with the events would be greatly appreciated. Parent helpers make a big difference to the smooth running of the day.

Fathers Day Breakfast and Footy Day next week
The delicious fathers day breakfast offerings will again be available next Friday from 7.30am. We hope lots of dad’s and special friends can come along. Soon after 9.00am we will have our footy team parade and gold coin donation, followed by our annual Students V Teachers footy match. Let’s hope there is some sunshine.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Louise Neave
Assistant Principal

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

Snack Shack
Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Friday 26 August
Parent Club School Disco
2.30pm-8.30pm

Sunday 28 August
Whole School Working Bee
9-11am

Monday 29 August
House Athletics Years 4,5,6

Tuesday 30 August
Year 6 Science Expo

Thursday 1 September
Parent Club Father’s Day Stall
Year 3 Science EXPO 12 noon-1pm

Friday 2 September
Footy Breakfast 7.30pm

Tuesday 6 September
District Athletics 4,5,6

Wed 7 & Thursday 8 September
Year 6 Musical
Beauty and the Beast

Thursday 8 September
Year 5 Expo 8.30pm

Friday 9 September
Premiers’ Reading Challenge Closes

Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 September
Year 3 Camp

Tuesday 13 September
Year 4 Science Expo
Year 1 Science incursion

Friday 16 September
End of Term: 2.30pm finish
BFAC Drive in Movie Night
School Hats On

Next week we celebrate the start of Spring and need to see all students wearing their hats during recess, lunchtime and sports sessions. This is a feature of our school SunSmart policy. If your hat has disappeared over the Winter break they are available from the uniform shop (order via Qkr!) or please see the office staff if you need to purchase a new one.

District Golf Tournament

On Friday the 12th of August, Beaumaris Primary School and several other regional schools competed in the Victorian Primary School’s District Golf Tournament at Woodlands Golf Course. The five students that competed were Dominic, Caitlyn, Josh, Sarah and Zac.

There were nine holes that were played at Woodlands and overall Beaumaris did an amazing job. Sarah Love got a score of 88, Caitlyn got a score of 76, Dominic with a score of 79, Zac with a score of 61 and Josh with a score of 56. To qualify for the girls you needed a score of 69 and for the boys you needed a score of 57. So well done to Josh for making it through to the next round. He will then compete in November at Keysborough Golf Course. Thank you to all that competed and good luck to Josh at the regional finals.

BFAC Drive-In Movie Night: Penguins of Madagascar

Car spaces are selling very quickly for the drive-in movie and we only have a very limited number available now; so if you are planning to attend please make your booking as soon as possible through Qkr!

BPS Staff Profile: Mr Jarvis

How long have you been teaching at BPS? 11 years.
What is favourite colour? Purple.
What made you become a teacher? An inspirational teacher in secondary school.
What is your favourite sport? F1 motor racing.
What is your favourite footy team? Geelong.
What subject at school do you most enjoy? Maths
If you had to be an animal which animal would it be? Tortoise (they live a long time).
What is your favourite memory from when you were at school? Having fun with friends.
What is your favourite TV show? QI
What is your favourite movie? A few good men.
If you were to have a student leadership role, what would it be? Why? Sustainability.
It is such an important area.
If you could visit anywhere in the world where would it be and why? Europe, for it’s history
What do you like to do with your free time? Exercise, read, see friends and play music.
What is the best Christmas present you have ever received? A top-of-the-line sound system.

Sustainability Tip

Buying large packages rather than individually packaged goods is cheaper, contains more and uses less packaging. A win for everyone!

SUSTAINABILITY RE-CAP OF THE WEEK

Important Sustainability news: BPS will be running a Nude Food Challenge. Students are encouraged to bring a nude food lunch to school every day. A weekly winner will be presented at assembly each Friday.

The Dolphin Research Ambassadors attended their third workshop for the year and learnt how to better maintain our waterways. Students participated in a litter survey and investigated the local area through various activities. Thank you to Peter Redlich and Imogen Miller for attending the workshop.

Tomorrows Leaders for Sustainability made the their first bat tubes to encourage micro bats to return to the local area. Karen Jones returns in two weeks to make more with the students in this group. The tubes will be placed in trees around the school once they are finished. Thank you to Ms McManus for assisting the 5/6 group with the workshop.
Helping kids focus in the age of distraction

Finding ways to turn your kids from flitters to focusers – how teaching your children to ‘stick with it’ can have lifelong benefits.

As a society we often debate about the ‘right’ amount of screen time, and with the introduction of personal screens over the last decade, to add to TV, laptops and desktops, the focus on a single task has slowly ebbed away. The British Psychological Society found that too much screen time (more than their recommendations of no more than 2 hours per day) could unintentionally cause permanent damage to a child’s still-developing brains, impacting the capacity to focus, to concentrate and to give attention to tasks.

Distraction is often managed through the delicate art of re-direction or encouragement to combat the ‘but I just can’t do it!’ However, this brave new world of binge watching TV, entertainment on demand and socialisation via hand held devices created kids that always have options for those tasks that require some stubborn determination? If so how might this new way of living and relaxing challenge our kid’s capacity to stick with a difficult task when they have a world of entertainment at their disposal?

Dr Daniel Goleman, an award-winning psychologist and TED speaker, emphasises the need for people to engage in skills that foster emotional intelligence. Goleman’s belief is that Kids learn best when they can maintain sustained attention, whether to what a teacher is saying, their textbook, or their homework. The root of learning is keen focus; distractions kill comprehension.

But the new normal for young people continually interrupts their focus with distractions.

Neuroscientists tell us that the more a young person can practice keeping focus and resist distraction, the stronger and more richly connected this child becomes. By the same token, the more distracted, the less so. Rebecca, a NSW school teacher who is passionate about the topic, finds that the evidence is clear in her own home and in classrooms ‘we now have young people who are experts at ‘flitting’ from one device to another’ and she refuses to take a defeatist approach because without re-focusing those flitters to focusers’ who risk the next generations creative or scientific masterminds we risk losing children who are able to ‘sit still and agonise over a task long enough to see it through to its marvellous end’.

Tips for helping kids maintain focus and attention

1 Build your child’s focus

As with all tasks the aim is to start small and build your child’s capacity to master the concept of ‘sticking with it’. Cath, a school counsellor, finds that she can use the same strategies with the teens she works with and her primary school aged children when she gets home: ‘it’s all about breaks and rewards. Set a timer between breaks and then on a break they need to do something active like a push-up. Then there is a little reward for staying on task for a particular amount of time.’

2 Remember it’s all about the journey

Parents and researchers agree that understanding what can be gained from being focused is the key to engaging your ‘flitting’ child. Our solution driven society is often focused on what we receive at the end rather than the process to get there. Teaching your children to tolerate the unexpected can have wonderful benefits, as can sitting with something that may have previously been viewed as unachievable.

3 Keep calm and focus

Use calm methods to engage children who become distracted: breathe, relax and high five each other when working alongside your child or when with a group of children. Talk about what might be achieved at the end and make it a fun process.

Screens, for all their negatives and benefits, are here to stay. Many argue that they provide complexity and new experiences to our children’s world by identifying exciting technologies but they also provide avenues to ‘opt out’ of the hard yards.

Reaching what you thought was unattainable by engaging in a single focus and ‘sticking with it’, can provide lifelong lessons.

Sarah Wayland

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.
Congratulations to Naja in Year 3 for her success in the Victorian Gymnastics State Pennant final that took place at the weekend. Naja competed in the National Level 3, U10s and her team won.

Well done also to our school captain, Evie who had an amazing experience representing Team Vic at the U12 State Hockey Champions in Cairns. There were so many amazingly talented young hockey players from the whole of Australia coming together in Cairns for the SSV Tournament. Evie was the second highest goal scorer for Team Vic and they won the bronze medal overall. It was very close on points, down to the final day of games and the last match of the day to decide the medal placings (NSW - Silver and QLD - Gold).

**FATHER’S DAY STALL**

The Father’s Day stall will be held at school on **Thursday 1st September**.

All presents are priced at $7.00 and the children will be able to choose one gift during their class visit with their teacher.

Please make sure that your child/children bring $7.00 as payment must be made on the day.

Please also remember to bring a bag to take the gift home in as gifts will not be wrapped!

If any gifts remain at the end of class visits, students will have an opportunity to purchase a second gift.
LEVEL LOW DOWN
Foundation

On Tuesday 23rd August, students in Prep - 2 were lucky enough to have CARP productions visit for the second time this year. We were treated to a performance filled with characters from books nominated for the 2016 Book of the Year including 'The Cow Tripped Over the Moon' and 'The Very Noisy Bear'. Through the creative use of costumes, props and sound effects, the two performers (with the help of several student volunteers) held a captive audience with laughter and smiles all round. The Prep students have shown great enthusiasm towards bringing a Nude Food lunch. I wonder which class will have the most Nude Food for Week 1 of our competition. Keep up the great work Preps!

Year One

This week has been chock-a-block with awesome learning activities. In maths we are exploring arrays in multiplication. We made natural arrays using gumnuts, stones and leaves. Book Week has also been such fun! Last Tuesday, we watched Carp Productions and roared with laughter at our favourite was Pug the Fibber. There wasn't a moment when our eyes weren't glued on the actors. Some of our brave Year Ones even went and joined the actors on stage! There are also piles of non fiction books in our classrooms because we are preparing to write animal information reports. We have also been recording our books for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Hmm...I wonder which class will win the pizza party?

Year Two

You Beaut! The 2016 Book Week Show: Tuesday of this week Carp Production Company presented a humorous show featuring the 2016 Shortlisted picture story books. We have also been reading the short listed books and discussing the features of each book. The student reflections and responses to the books have been articulate and insightful.

Mathematics: Students this week have continued to develop knowledge of multiplication facts and time. We have visited the following two websites during our lessons and have encouraged the students to log on at home.

Stop the Clock
http://www.gameclassroom.com/game/44778-3537/telling-time/stop-clock

Multiplication Facts
http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/multiplication/play/

Year Three

Last Friday was a special day as we had one of our Year 3 parents come into school to be a guest speaker. Steve (Maddie J’s father) is a Geologist and he kindly shared his knowledge on Geology with us. Not only did we get to see some really interesting pictures and learn how the world works, we were also very excited to be able to view and feel a range of
rocks and minerals. Here are some things we learned from Steve:
“I learnt about the Earthquakes and the plates, how they form. How the tsunamis form, they all of a sudden come apart and it forms a giant wave” Edie
“I learnt that when lava cools quickly it makes different kinds of rocks to when it cools slowly” Lily
“I’m pretty sure that if plates move up, they form mountains” Oscar
“I didn’t know that there was a whole lot of crystal that is actually quite close to the surface of the ground” Dale
“I learnt a few things like what happens when the volcanoes erupt. I learnt that the pressure builds up and then the magma comes out” Sebastian
Thanks again for being a guest speaker Steve, your presentation rocked!

**Year Four**

Last week the year 4 students visited Scienceworks. It was a fantastic day where the students watched an awesome display of sparks and noise from high voltage demonstrations in the Lightning Room. We also discovered how rockets work and found out about the forces involved in getting rockets into space at the Blast Off demonstration. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came with us.

The students are currently completing the ERP proposal form at school, with input and support from their class teacher. The children will be working on their ERP at school over the next few weeks. Our Science expo is on Tuesday 13th September at 2.45pm – 3.45pm.

**Year Five**

Our athletics preparations have been given a bonus with an extra week of training with the postponement due to bad weather. We are hoping for clear skies and a dry track next Monday. Please contact Sam Robinson if you are available to help out on Monday 29th August for the house athletics at Dolamore Reserve.

We are beginning our ERPs this week and students will be conducting their experiments so that they will have science reports to present at the expo. Students are organising experiments that will showcase their interests and demonstrate an understanding of variables that are measured, changed and controlled. Our information reports and supporting photographs and diagrams will be the focus of the expo this term.

In maths we are using protractors to measure angles and have incorporated examples into our artwork.
The sustainability leaders have started construction of the bat boxes that will help to protect these creatures in our local environment.

**Year Six**

Reminder to everyone that the media captains will be speaking on the radio Thursday 1st of September at 8am on 88.3 Southern Fm. Please tune in and enjoy the show.

Athletics was postponed till Monday 29th August. This week rehearsals are every day for the Year 6 students and it is getting close to performance nights. Make sure to book your tickets if you want to come along to watch Beauty and the Beast Jr. 6C has their clinic groups as always. On Friday the whole school has the annual discos and it is the last disco for the Year 6 students.

The tomorrow’s leaders will be working on the bat boxes this Tuesday, they will be painting them and are very excited to place them in trees around the school. The dolphin research crew will go to Elsternwick on Wednesday to do activities relating to sustainability. The Year 6 students are starting a nude food challenge. Make sure you to bring nude food lunches to school.

The Media Captains
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

THANK YOU
What a fabulous Luau we had on Saturday night! Thank you to everyone who came on the night, our wonderful sponsors and all the amazing businesses and families who donated to our auction. A huge thank you to my amazing team who helped me every step of the way. No matter how big or small your contribution was I really appreciated it. Thanks to Liz Laws, Keely Houghton, Fiona Love, Marni Hutchinson, Caron Dixon, Nadine McFadries, Joanna Hancock, Kate Parker, Danielle Henshall, Geri O'Malley, Vanessa Rushworth, Marianne Walker, Angela Baker, Mel Burchall, Amanda Bruere, Narelle Backman. You were all amazing!!
Thank you!
Ness Newell

SCHOLASTIC
Issue 6 of the Scholastic Book Club is due back on 31st August. Catalogues are available in the office foyer. Please feel free to help yourself. Please also remember we cannot accept cash. Please pay online by credit card or by cheque. Any queries please contact Ness Newell on 0424 329 008

Garden Club
BPS was lucky enough to receive a large donation of indigenous grasses from Bayside Nursery and our Garden Club have been very busy planting (with the assistance of a number of Year 6 students). Thank you to everyone for their hard work.

Thank you also to Bunnings Mentone for some surprise donations which have added a bit of green to the side of the hall. This area will be finished with mulch after the plants settle in.