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DIARY DATES
Please refer to term newsletters for more detail on year level important dates: [http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/page/110/Term-Newsletters]

SNACK SHACK
Open Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Thursday 8 September
Premier’s Reading Challenge closes at midnight

Monday 12 September
Regional Lawn Bowls Tournament
Qkr! Sushi Special Lunch Day

Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 September
Year 3 Camp

Tuesday 13 September
Year 4 Science EXPO 2.45-3.45pm

Friday 16 Sept
Last day of term
2.30pm dismissal

The Snack Shack: Counter sales only, no lunch orders

BFAC Drive-in Movie Night gates open 6pm

Monday 3 October
Term 4 commences

Friday 7 October
Year 6 Family Life

Tuesday 11 October
St John’s Ambulance First Aid—Whole School

Friday 14 October
Year 6 Family Life

Saturday 15 October
Parent Club Concourse Cake Stall

Tuesday 18 October
Year 4 Performance Evening

Wednesday 19 October
Step Up Day 1

Friday 21 October
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Beauty and the Beast Jnr.
To the staff, parents, friends and students of all involved with “Beauty and the Beast Jnr”, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our production this year, from sewing a costume, ironing, make-up, building a prop, designing the stage and ticketing. Especially, I thank the Year 6 teachers Lauren, Pete and Sinead for all their assistance in putting this musical together - a terrific achievement. This year in particular I would personally like to thank Christine Davidson for all the costume designs - they are fabulous, and also to Jodie Stewart for providing many of the terrific props we needed to make this performance so visually amazing.
Last night was a huge success and so lastly I thank all the Grade 6 students for their dedication and enthusiasm - they have most certainly become confident and talented performers. Well done and good luck for tonight.
Caroline Rothberg.

2016 Year Book Cover Competition
It’s that time of year already. We are in the process of compiling pages for our 2016 Year Book but we are in need of a cover. The theme for our cover design this year is SUSTAINABILITY.
If you would like to create a drawing/design and enter it into our competition, you will find entry forms outside the Art Room. Suggestions for the cover are detailed on the entry form.
Completed entries are to be lodged at the Art Room before Monday 17th October.
Best of luck!! Happy drawing!!
From Cassidy & Samantha (Visual Arts Captains)

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Well it is hard to believe but the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes THIS FRIDAY !!!
ALL students must complete entering all their books on the website by midnight THURSDAY 8 September as the school needs a day to verify all books and check student details. No books will be able to be entered after this date and time.
Statistics so far:
- 7,280 books have been read by BPS students - well done and awesome reading!
- 159 students have completed the challenge (this represents 30% of the students) - congratulations!
- Year 1 is currently leading with 2,250 books read. Year 4 is close behind with 1,800 books read.
Well done to all students - remember that the class which reads the most books will win a pizza party!
Mrs Wilson and Mrs McSwain

The Snack Shack
Don’t forget - Qkr! Sushi Special Lunch Day is on Monday and you must have your order on Qkr! by 5pm tonight. Volunteer forms for Term 4 are coming home tonight, so if you’re interested in volunteering at The Snack Shack next term, please complete the form and return it to the school office by Thursday 15 September. Existing volunteers, please see your emails regarding this. The Snack Shack will remain open for the rest of the term as usual, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, however on our last day, lunch orders will NOT be available, only counter sales. Thank you to everyone who has helped out this term, we couldn’t run The Snack Shack as smoothly as we do, without you. Ellie Hilton

District Athletics Competition
On Tuesday 6th September the district athletics team went to Duncan Mackinnon Reserve to compete. It was a great day everyone behaved well and showed good sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs Robinson, Miss Cooper, Miss Hulls, Mrs Owens and Mrs Weppner for coming and helping out. Congratulations to everyone who competed, especially Charlie, Fern, Jack and the 10/11-year-old 4x100m relay. We wish you luck at the next round. Written by Milla Kerr and Saxon McLennan.
There are many sustainability activities and events going on a BPS at the moment. Yesterday the Tomorrow’s Leaders for Sustainability team built the final bat tubes to be placed in trees around the school. This will encourage the micro bats to return to the local area and boost the biodiversity in our school. The Year 6 students will teach other groups about biodiversity and how to make bat tubes at the Kids Teaching Kids conference next term which is very exciting for them.

On Friday 9th September Year 5 students from the TLFS team are presenting a workshop at the Sustainable Schools Festival. They will play the BPS sustainability board game as part of the workshop to teach students from other schools how to be more sustainable and the impact their actions have on the environment. We wish them luck with their first presentation.

Remember to bring a nude food lunch each day to be in the running for a prize from the sustainability team.
One of the unwritten laws of family life is that talent and ability are unevenly distributed between siblings.

In most families there is one child who seems to have more than his or her fair share of ability. Everything this kid turns their hands to – whether schoolwork, sport or socialising – is done successfully and effortlessly.

If you have such a child then there is a fair bet that another of your children struggles in the same areas. For these children, achieving success takes more effort and concentration than it does for their sibling.

Just as it is easy for parents to marvel at the talented child, it’s frustrating and, at times, heart-breaking to watch another child struggle to attain even mediocre levels of success at school, sport or leisure activities.

It’s harder still when you know that no matter how hard this child tries they just can’t be as successful as their sibling, who continues to get all the glory and accolades from relatives and friends.

As a parent it’s important to be realistic about what each child can achieve. Keep your expectations in line with their ability and maturity, and avoid making comparisons between siblings.

Here are some ideas to keep in mind if you are parenting a child for whom success at school, sport and other common childhood activities just doesn’t come naturally.

1. **Be your child’s cheerleader**
   Kids who have to work really hard to achieve need someone in their lives who is able to boost their self-confidence, particularly when they are struggling. Make a fuss over small successes so they can puff up their chests every now and then.

2. **Focus your comments on contribution, improvement and effort**
   It’s difficult praising kids when the results aren’t there but you can always focus your comments on their contribution to the team. Focus on things improvements shown in reading or the effort they are making at art.

3. **Remember that persistence pays**
   Children who persist learn an important life lesson – that is, success in most endeavours takes effort. Those kids who sail through their childhoods without raising a sweat can struggle when eventually they do have to work long and hard to succeed.

4. **Help kids identify their strengths**
   Kids are like niche marketers – they define themselves by their strengths.
   
   ‘I am a good reader’ or ‘I’m sporty’ or ‘I’m really good at art’ are some of the labels kids will use. As they move into adolescence the number of options for success opens up, so help them find one or two areas that they enjoy and can easily achieve success in.

5. **Don’t put kids on pedestals**
   It is difficult living in the shadow of a superstar so avoid making a huge fuss over the achievements of a particular child – it makes life difficult for those who follow. Recognise results but balance that by focusing equally on the efforts of the others as well.

Raising kids who find life a breeze is easy. However, parenting the underdog who takes longer to mature or who must put in 110% effort to achieve is challenging for any parent. It requires parents to focus on kids’ strengths, be liberal with encouragement and have realistic but positive expectations for success.
**LEVEL LOW DOWN**

**Foundation**

Spring has definitely sprung at Beaumaris Primary! The Prep students are enjoying the change in season, as they are now able to use our beautiful outdoor areas during Investigations. While some students are choosing to paint collaboratively, others are using chalk to draw butterflies and spiders or experimenting with push and pull forces.

**Year One**

We can’t decide whether we want to be footy or Performing Art stars! Friday was such fun because we got to watch the teachers vs the Year 6s. Monday was equally exciting because we watched an awesome performance of Beauty and the Beast. In English we are working on our animal information reports and in Maths we have started division. We’re going to end the term literally with a bang... Professor Bunsen is visiting next Tuesday!

**What we enjoyed the most...**

**Henry:** I liked the footy parade.

**Elle and Eloise:** My favourite part of the performance was when Chip said, 'Do I have to sleep in the cupboard?"

**Sienna F:** My favourite part of Footy Day was the assembly.

**Tilly:** My favourite part of Footy Day was the footy match.

**Aidan S:** Marching around with the Hawks supporters.

**Adele:** Watching the teachers vs kids footy game.

**Jake:** Dressing up in my footy colours.

**Year Two**

This week’s reporter role was carried out by Belle in 1/2W who surveyed students about their learning during our science rotations.

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Year Three
This week in Year 3 we went on an excursion to the Gould League education centre to learn about sustainability and biodiversity. We had the chance to participate in a range of engaging ‘hands on’ activities. Composting was a big focus for learning and we went into a shrinking machine to go inside a compost bin, it really put things in perspective for us. Next we searched for mini-beasts out in the garden. Once we caught a mini-beast we had a chart which helped us identify them. It was similar to playing Pokemon Go. Another really interesting part of the day was when we used magnifying glasses to investigate a worm farm, the baby worms were a real challenge to find as they are as thin as a single strand of hair. In all we had a fantastic time and if you would like some tips on composting, please come and ask us.
So much has been happening in Year 3 this week as we also had our Science ERP Expo, it went really well. Thank you to all the visitors who came along to our Expo. Next stop Oasis Camp!

Year Four
It has been a very busy week. We celebrated Friday with a Footy Breakfast and parade. We also look forward to working in the Kitchen Garden on Fridays too. We have many different tasks each week. Some of these include general clean up, weeding, watering and planting.
On Tuesday some of the Year 4s participated at the District Athletics. All the students demonstrated positive attitudes and respect towards one another and the other schools. Their willingness to have a go and try my best was very evident. Well done to all the children who competed. A great effort!!

Year Five
This week the Year 5 students have been working hard to plan, conduct and evaluate their science investigations ready for the expo. Thank you for all the parents who were able to attend.
On Tuesday some of the students competed in the district athletics. They all showed great sportsmanship and were willing to fill in for any event when needed. Well done! A big congratulations to Charlie, Rhys and Finley (100m relay team), Charlie (100m relay team and triple jump) and Fern (1500m) for making it through to the next round. We wish them the best of luck!
On Friday we have our Tomorrow’s Leaders off to represent the school and show the work that Beaumaris Primary School does to promote the importance of sustainability.
Year Six

This week we finally get to perform “Beauty and the Beast Jnr” for the school community. We are very excited for everyone to see our performance, which we have worked really hard on all term. On Monday we had a dress rehearsal and it was great to see everything come together. Everybody had lots of fun! Thanks to Mrs. Rothberg, Miss Cooper, Miss Pritchard, Mr Jarvis, Christine, Jodie, Miss Wilson and all the teachers who have helped us along the way. We had lots of people helping with costumes, sound, lights, photos, directing, recording and make-up.

Last Tuesday we held district athletics for the Year 4s, 5s and 6s. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the school athletics! The Tomorrow's Leaders continued on with their bat tubes and are almost done. Next they will be going to the Kids Teaching Kids conference. From the Year 6 Media Captains

FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

Father’s Day Footy Breakfast 2016
Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make our Father’s Day Footy Breakfast another fun day. We raised an amazing $1,737. It was great to see all of the Dads come along and spend the morning before school started with the children chatting and playing kick to kick.

We also unveiled the new school marquee - you can see it on our BPS Facebook page.

A special thank you to the following businesses who donated goods for our breakfast:
Bakers Delight Concourse,
Woolworths Thrift Park
Party Boom Events Agency
Free Agency
Metro Meats

On behalf of the Year 4 co-ordinators, thank you for helping make this event another memorable one for our school community.

Bollywood Dance Classes End This Year!
Term 4 is the last time we will be having after-school Bollywood classes at Beaumaris so if you haven’t tried it now is your chance!
To enrol call Jag on 0423 080 724