FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families
Open classrooms last Friday
The students thoroughly enjoyed sharing their classroom with parents last Friday afternoon. Thank you to all who were able to come along.

Parent Information Evenings
Please check the calendar opposite for the date and time of your Parent Information session. We look forward to seeing you there.

Year 5 and 6 Camps
Our students have enjoyed magnificent weather while on camp this week. Teachers report the students are having a fantastic time. Yesterday Mrs Neave visited Year 5 in Ballarat and Mrs Skewes spent Monday and Tuesday at Merricks with Year 6. The shared experience of camp enables students to strengthen their relationships with their peers and teachers, learn self responsibility, independence and teamwork as well as broaden their understanding of their world.

School Council Elections 2016—Parent Member Vacancies
We have two parent member vacancies on School Council, with a two year term of office. No special experience is required, just an interest in the school and a desire to work in partnership with others to help shape our school’s future. Interested parents can collect a nomination form at the front office and return it to the office by 4pm on Thursday 18 February, 2016. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed. Please contact the school if you require further information.

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. School Councillors work as a team to establish the broad direction and vision of a school within guidelines provided by the Department of Education (DET). Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm and all members are involved with one or more sub-committees that meet one morning each month.

Library Books at home? Please return them to help us with our stocktake.
Parents and students are asked to search at home and return all BPS library books. We are in the final stages of our stocktake. All library books need to be returned to class teachers who will pass them on to Mrs Jones. Thank you.

Update-ed is here so get connected!
We encourage all our parents to opt in to our communication phone app called Update-ed which replaces Konnective. Get connected so you can receive alerts and reminders, save events to your calendar and quickly access our school website. See the front of our school website for more details. We hope you enjoy being Update-ed!
Road Safety
Sadly a local resident witnessed Beaumaris PS students riding scooters very dangerously on the road last Friday evening. A driver had to brake heavily to avoid a very serious collision with the students. We ask parents to talk with their children about their responsibilities as road users to avoid possible injury or worse.

Thank you to our Centenary Fete Sponsors
We extend sincere thanks to our fete committee for enlisting the support of our sponsors last year and we encourage our community to show their support for our sponsors where possible.
Silver sponsors: Casa Dolce, BC Dental
Ride Sponsors: IGA, 21st Century, Buxtons, O’Brien’s Real Estate, Sanctuary Yoga, Bendigo Bank

Family Picnic Friday 19th February 6.00-8.30pm (Alcohol free event).
Come along on Friday with the family, picnic rug and food and spend the twilight hours in the company of other BPS families. We hope to see many families at the first Parent Club community event for the year. Beaumaris Primary School Council has determined that the event is alcohol free.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Louise Neave
Assistant Principal

Japanese
Did you know?
This year is the year of the Monkey.
We have the following animal teachers at our school: 6 Pigs, 1 rabbit, 2 snakes, 2 horses, 4 sheep, 3 monkeys, 3 roosters, 2 dogs and 5 ox’s.
If you want to know what your teacher is, go onto our Japanese blog and check.
http://gallsensei.blogspot.com.au
We’d love you to tell us what you and your family are as well and if the description sounds like you.
Arigatou
Gall sensei

Bulb Fundraiser
Coming home this week is our Bulb Fundraiser pamphlets. Money raised from this will go to our Garden Club to buy plants and supplies to enhance our school gardens. This is a great way to improve your garden and ours. Please get your orders in by the 11th of March. Orders will go home early next term ready for planting.

School Photos
On Monday 29 February we are scheduled to have our school photos taken. Forms have already been sent home and are due back to school ASAP. If you would like a family photo taken we have a separate form which can be collected from the school office.

Extra Curricular Activities
At Beaumaris Primary School we offer a wide range of Extra Curricular Activities such as:
• Hot Shots Tennis
• Bollywood Classes
• Chess Club—Kids Unlimited
• Kelly Sports
• Musicorp
• WiseOnes
• Lego
• Poco Music
For more information of what we offer at Beaumaris Primary School please click on the link
23 December 2015

Beaumaris Primary School
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We would like to sincerely thank the staff, students and families of Beaumaris Primary School for the generous donation of Christmas gifts to our 2015 Berry Christmas Gift Appeal.

The generosity shown by Beaumaris Primary School is essential in helping us fulfil 'wish-lists' for over 2,000 children and young people who have suffered significant trauma, abuse and neglect. You will make a genuine difference to a child’s life this Christmas, by ensuring they wake up on Christmas morning with a gift to open. We can’t do this without your help.

Children in our care depend on us. We care for them through our many programs which support children to have a safe place to live, a chance to have some fun and access to educational support. These programs are designed to address the devastating effects of violence and neglect.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, last year we were able to give children like Jessica, aged 6, the Christmas that she had hoped for, despite the trauma she had experienced. Jessica received the toy of her dreams, a FurReal Puppy. Jessica was over the moon with her gift, "I’m going to call my puppy Sarah after the nice lady at Berry Street who took care of us”.

We greatly appreciate your support. If you have any questions, please call us on 1800 237 797 or email us at supportus@berrystreet.org.au – we are always happy to hear from you.

Warm regards,

Sandle de Wolf, AM
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you

We believe all children should have a good childhood.
**LEVEL LOW DOWN**

**Year One**

This week in Year 1 the students enjoyed exploring their Investigation areas! Some of their highlights were the collage table, the construction where they were making Star Wars ships and the beading area. They have especially loved the writer’s workshop creating letters, cards and invitations to their friends and family. One of our current learning intentions is transactional text. We are exploring how to write lists, cards, letters and invitations. The students have been encouraged to think about where they have seen these types of text before and if they have any at home.

This year is the year of the Monkey. This week in Japanese, we discovered the animal year in which we were born. Most of us are born in the year of the Ox, Tiger and Rat. In what year were you born?

**Year Prep**

This week in Prep we have been very busy starting Investigations. We have learnt about what we do when we are focus students, how to clean up and reset the classroom and how to show whole body listening when listening to our teachers and classmates.

We have also started reading our very first reading books. We have been practising looking at the pictures, pointing to the words with our finger and looking for sounds that we know. On Monday we took home our Take Home Reading folder for the first time. Many students read all of their books on the first night as they were so excited. Keep up the fantastic work Prep.
**Year Two**

This week in Year 2 we have been learning to write transactional texts (letters, cards, emails, postcards and lists). The students have been working through the writing process and drafting, editing and publishing a letter which (fingers crossed!) will appear in your letterbox soon. The students are continuing to build relationships with their peers and work together in teams and small groups to follow many of our learning intentions. A big thank you to the many parents who came to visit last Friday at our open classroom session. The students really enjoyed giving you a guided tour of their learning space and showcasing some of the work they had completed.

Date for your diary: Year 2 information evening will be held next Wednesday the 17th February at 6.30pm in the SALC. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Year Three**

This week Year 3 students were presented with their first homework tasks for 2016. They were excited to decorate their Writer’s Notebook with photos and images that represented themselves. Every week, students will need to write their reading in their diary, aiming for 15 minutes each night. They are also required to practise some multiplication facts and spelling words in preparation for a quiz on Friday. Students will be expected to develop the responsibility to let their teachers know before Friday, if they are having problems completing the weekly homework. Year 3 teachers have so far been impressed with how organised the students have been at the start of a new year. Well done Year 3!

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**Year Four**

Join us tonight at 6.30pm to 7.30pm at our Parent Information Evening in the SALC where teachers will outline classroom programs, classroom routines, parent assistance at school and ways in which parents can help their child at home. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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**Year Five and Six**

Currently on camp. Check them out on our Facebook page.

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**Beaumaris Bollywood Corner**

This term’s Bollywood class takes place every Tuesday after school and is an intimate group of thirteen students ranging from years Prep to Year 6. The Bollywood teacher for the term is Serbrina from Ignite Bollywood who has a gentle and gun loving approach with the children. Serbrina has completed a postgraduate diploma in early childhood education and has over seven years dance experience.

We want to acknowledge Year 6 student Florence for going out of her way to help Prep student Niamh with some tricky dance moves during this week’s Bollywood class. What a wonderful example of Beaumaris’ core value of ‘relationships’. There are still a few places available and if you want your child to join the Bollywood afterschool program, email Jag at info@ignitebollywood.com for an enrolment form.
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

BPS Parent Club invite you to our Family Welcome Picnic
Friday 19th February
from 6pm on the Ross Bailey Oval.
BYO food, drinks, blanket/chairs. Grab some dinner and come and relax while the kids play.
Mr Whippy will be arriving from 6.30pm to purchase yummy ice creams, & drinks with 20% of the sales going to our school fundraising.
We hope you can make it along to have fun with old and new friends!
Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you have all enjoyed the holiday break and are excited for a fantastic new year. After having a great holiday ourselves, we are back on board and excited to see familiar faces returning — as well as some new faces.

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing your children into After School Care.

**Tips for easing you kids into After School Care:**

1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they’ll be coming to After School Care.
2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to tell us know or you can give us a call.

We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible, if you have any questions about the program — feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in After School Care first hand.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Camp Australia Team.

**Program Details**

To find out more about our program and to register and book visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

From all of the team at Camp Australia we wish you a fantastic 2016 and we look forward to seeing you and your family in the program soon.
Sandringham College Key Dates for Term One 2016:

- SEAL Information Night (parent Q&A): Wed 16 March, 6pm Discovery Centre
- SEAL Applications close: Thu 24 March
- SEAL Exam: Thu 14 April, 8.45am-12.30pm
- College Open Night: Wed 27th April, 7pm Discovery Centre
- Tours First Term: Every Wed 9.15am-10.15am – to book call 9599 5600

Looking for a nurturing, safe and stimulating learning environment for your 3 year old?

We are a small community owned kindergarten with a gorgeous playground, and a play and explore philosophy. Our teacher is fully trained with a Bachelor in Early Childhood Studies (Monash University) and we have places available for this year. It’s not too late to enrol and if your child turns 3 before April 30, we would love to see you at our kinder.

Located in Gibbs St, close to Beaumaris Primary School.
Sessions are Tuesday and Thursdays (9.15 – 12.15)

For more information, please email Fiona, the enrolments officer on fgundish@bigpond.com