FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

CENTENARY NEWS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With 11 weeks to go until we celebrate our 100th birthday we are today seeking more volunteers to help us make the Open Day on Saturday the 2nd of May a huge success. This Open Day is not to be confused with our Centenary Fete which takes place later in the year. Our Open Day will be a day of reflection, school history, games and reunions and needs YOUR help NOW. If you would like to volunteer your time or expertise, please complete the attached form and return it to the office ASAP and we will certainly be in touch. Also, if you have any memories you would like to share, items of memorabilia you would like to copy or lend us for the day, please drop them into the office or email them to us. Watch this space!

Parent Information Evening Years 1,2,3 and 4.

Many families attended our Year 1-4 parent information evenings last night. Teachers greatly appreciate parent support and highly value the partnership. Teachers outlined the classroom program and ways in which parents can support the program at home. Each term a class newsletter with more information about the focus for the term and upcoming events will be available for parents on our website. The Year F-4 newsletters will be on our website tomorrow. A broad overview of the fortnightly program can also be found on the class Communication Board. From the fortnightly overview teachers plan detailed weekly and daily programs to accommodate the range of learning needs of their students. Teachers continually track student learning and if parents have any additional information about the child that will assist the teacher please contact the teacher.

Open Classrooms Last Friday

The students thoroughly enjoyed having their parents visit them in their classrooms last Friday. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along.

Parent Information Evenings in the next two weeks:

- **Foundation February 18th** 6.30-7.30pm commencing in the Year5/6 building
- **Year 5 February 25th** 7.30-8.30pm in Year 5 classrooms
- **Year 6 February 25th** 7.30-8.30pm in Year 6 classrooms

School Council Elections 2015 — Parent Member Vacancies

We have **five 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 19 February, 2015. 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.
Year 5 and 6 Camps
Our students have indeed been fortunate to have magnificent weather while on camp this week. Teachers report the students are having a fantastic time. Yesterday I visited Year 5 in Ballarat and today Mr Paleka drove down to see our Year 6 group at Merricks. Camps provide a great opportunity for students to deepen their relationships with their peers and teachers, learn self responsibility and broaden their understanding of the world in which they live.

Cyber Safety Day last Friday, privacy and confidentiality.
Last Friday all students revisited safe use of the internet and cyber safety strategies. Students learnt about the importance of internet etiquette, privacy and confidentiality regarding their personal information.
Parents are advised that parent permission has been provided for photos of students that appear on our school Facebook page.

Student safety and parent parking around the school
For the safety of our students, parents are asked to familiarise themselves with the ‘No Standing’ areas and ‘Kiss & Go’ areas around our school.
‘No Standing’ areas are located to give our students a clear view of the traffic. Parents are asked to please not park in ‘No Standing’ areas as this obstructs the students view of the traffic. It would be a tragedy if a child was hit by a car.

Extra-Curricular Activities
BPS has a range of fun and interesting extra-curricular activities on offer throughout the year including: Music lessons with Musicorp or Poco Music; The Glee Club (years 4,5 & 6), Kelly Sports after school, Lunchtime Chess Club, Gateways, WiseOnes, Lunchtime Tennis(Prep-2) and Lunchtime Lego.
Please talk with your child’s teacher or the office staff if you would like to find out more information about the extra-curricular activities available at the school.

Every Day Counts
Students are required to attend school every day and parents are required to provide reasons for all student absences. Parents are required to provide in writing their intention to withdraw their child from school for extended holidays.
Remember:
• Students need to attend school regularly to make the most of educational opportunities.
• There is a link between student absence and school achievement.
• Poor patterns of attendance in the early years may lead to poor patterns of attendance in later life.
• Poor attendance may make it difficult for children to form positive relationships with their peers.

Final Update on 2013 Fabulous Fun Fete Funds spending
As 2015 is a Fete year it is timely to provide a final update on the programs and projects that have been supported by the funds. The Leadership Team and School Council determined the best distribution of the funds raised.
Progress reports on the dispersal of fete funds have been included in Stop Press from time to time. Below is an updated summary of the resources purchased.

Literacy Resources $1,448: Classroom texts for Guided Reading and Big Books
Maths Resources $1500 : Resources to build numeracy and measurement concepts
Specialists Programs $2243: Five iPads to enhance the music and film making elements of the Performing Arts Program and one Art Room trolley
Learning Centre Resources $2093: Resources for Investigations and furniture for storage of equipment.
Air conditioners $33,237:purchase/installation of 9 new units for the Yr 1/2 building.
Lab Computers $19,630: purchase and installation of twenty six new computers
Wireless Access Upgrade: $12,976 to improve access for mobile devices
Painting After School Care: $2028
Display Boards in Year 3,5 and 6 classrooms: $11,000
Year 1 and 2 Refurbishment Project: $3792
Total Spending : $90,000 Total Funds: $90,000
Thank you to the community for your amazing support. Funds raised enabled continual improvement of your child’s classroom resources and upgrade of the learning environment.

Friendly Reminder
Assembly is now on Friday at 3.00pm. Our first assembly will be next Friday 20th February as our Year 6 students are currently on camp.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal
Neven Paleka
Assistant Principal
From the Art Room
Hoping this finds everyone relaxed after their summer break.
Just a gentle reminder that all students require a smock (clearly named) for their art classes. Even an old shirt (particularly for the senior students), will suffice.
I am also in need of a few items such as newspapers, meat trays, egg cartons and plastic containers. If you have any of the above lurking at home, the art room would make excellent use of them.
Many thanks,
Andrea Fisk

Performing Arts
The Beaumaris School Glee Club will be performing this Sunday 15th February 11am at “The Day on Oak Street”. Students from Years 4, 5 and 6 have been rehearsing nearly every day to be ready for this big community festival. We are the opening act and we would love as many people there to support us.

The Primary School Challenge is open to students in NSW, VIC, QLD, SA and WA in years 4-7 or aged 9-13 years.
Students are asked to watch Australia: The Story of Us on Sunday nights starting 8 February, then answer the week’s corresponding quiz questions on this website.
There will be 10 student questions each week, either multiple choice or True/False, plus a bonus question for parents.

How your school can participate:
• Students will register their school to start the quiz. A parent/guardian must register and consent at the same time
• The more students from the eligible grades who participate, the more chance the school has of qualifying for the $10,000 grant
• Schools will accumulate points based on student engagement as well as correct answers. This will be further detailed in the Terms and Conditions at the commencement of The Primary School Challenge
• Finalist schools will be contacted by mid April 2015 and the Principal or an elected school representative will be asked to submit a short response outlining how the school would use the $10,000 grant

The Primary School Challenge starts 8 February, come back to this website for more details
If you would like your school to be in the running for the $10,000 grant, please share this opportunity with teachers, students and parents/guardians.
Sleeping beauties

Helping kids get the right amount of quality sleep will reap manifold rewards when it comes to their development and general wellbeing, writes Karen Fontaine.

Article contributed by Karen Fontaine

Whoever coined the term ‘sleeping like a baby’ had obviously never lived with one. Infants’ sleep patterns are notoriously erratic, and as they grow up the story remains much the same. Preschoolers kick up about napping during the day, school-aged children want to stay up late at night and teenagers refuse to get out of bed in the morning.

One thing remains the same: sleep is critically important for children, but Australians are getting about half an hour less sleep per night than they did 30 years ago, according to a study by the University of South Australia’s Centre for Sleep Research.

Kids are going to bed later because it’s now the norm for both parents to work full-time, meaning that evenings are often the only opportunity for family time. In addition, the intrusion into bedrooms of digital media such as mobile phones, laptops and iPads means children are getting less shut-eye – with far-reaching consequences.

“With disturbed sleep, you pretty well see changes in everything, from the cardiovascular system through to the skin,” says Dr Kurt Lushington, head of the University of South Australia’s Centre for Sleep Research. “You can go without food for a week or so but you cannot go without sleep.”

As Dr Lushington says, sleep is important for memory, “so if you want to remember things and to forget things – which is equally important – you have to sleep”.

“We also know from animal studies that sleep state seems to be incredibly important for the optimal wiring up of the brain,” he says. “In infants and kids, sleep plays an important role in the optimal development of the brain. Sleep is also important for growth, and for those who don’t get enough there is a failure to thrive. Sleep plays an important role in the immune system and it also anchors the circadian body clock system.”

Most parents realise the importance of sleep, Dr Lushington says. However, “what many don’t appreciate is how important structure, namely a routine, really is”.

“Our research shows that in terms of kids being able to cope with school and life and not having any problematic behaviours, it’s not so much how long they sleep – what’s important is a regular schedule,” he says.

“Kids who go to bed at different times and wake up at different times with big swings on weekdays compared to weekends – those are the kids who tend to get into trouble. Sober habits are very important.”

There is no such thing as a sleep bank – meaning that even if a child had 12 hours sleep last night, they won’t get away with just eight hours tonight. Parents need to stick to a routine, make evenings as predictable as possible, and enforce hard-and-fast rules, particularly for teenagers, about digital media in the bedroom.

“The teen years are a period of life where it’s to be expected that you will hand over control to them; learning their own limits is part of the journey,” says Dr Lushington. “And, being young and healthy, they can sometimes stay up all night and be fine the next day. What you can do is help them see the connection between how they’re sleeping – and how they feel during the day.”

How much is enough?

To ensure your child gets the optimum amount of sleep, use the following as a guideline, says Dr Kurt Lushington, head of the University of South Australia’s Centre for Sleep Research:

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And adhere to these rules, advises Dr Lushington:

▶ “On the weekends, don’t let kids stay up more than an hour or two later than they normally do, and don’t let them sleep in more than an hour or two later than normal.”

▶ “Give them time to unwind before they turn out the lights and don’t let them fall asleep in front of the TV. There has to be a routine for falling asleep – otherwise what happens is that unless the light or the TV is on, kids can’t fall asleep – which is crazy.”

▶ “Exercise, big meals and hot baths are not a good idea directly before they go to bed.”

▶ “Keep track of how they are during the day. If they look like they’re not coping or if they’re irritable, it might be that they need more sleep.”
LEVEL LOW DOWN

**Foundation**

Our Foundation students are finding the school timetable and routines a little easier this week. Many children are now choosing to move from the ‘Foundation’ playground and go and play with their siblings, find their buddy or explore the other playgrounds. We have now set our class norms and are reinforcing how to be a kind friend, how to let others learn, how to include others and how to look after things. During investigations the students are encouraged to introduce themselves and make new friends. We are still seeking:

- small dolls
- dolls house furniture
- baby dolls
- tinkering items
- spare Woolworths animal cards
- Large mat / rug for the classroom

The students were excited to take home their first books. Please familiarise yourself with the note that was included on how to best support your child. We will further discuss how to read at home with your child at our information evening next Wednesday 18th Feb in the SALC (Year 5 and 6 building).

Check out one of the many Foundation Bands we have had this week during investigations. “Dramatic play is a major way in which oral language and a range of other literacy and numeracy skills are developed. It also supports problem solving, decision making, persistence, creative and lateral thinking” (Kathy Walker, Play Matters).

**Year One**

In Year One this week we have gotten stuck into investigations! Our focus child roster is up on our Year One Communication Board – so make sure you check it out to see which day you are a focus child and what we are working on this fortnight. In maths, we have been working on counting, recognising and ordering numbers to 100. We’ve learnt lots of new games to practise this concept including Buzz, Rocket Race and Ready, Set, Roll! In Reading, we are working on the CAFÉ strategy of predicting. We have been reading and discussing lots of different text types where we have been thinking about what might happen or come next in the story. See if you can practise this at home when you do your home reading. In writing, we have been writing about ourselves, our families, our hobbies and activities we do on the weekend. We are learning a lot about each other from our writing.
Year Two

The Year 2 students have had another exciting week. Our new class mascots have been introduced and the students in 2M, 2C, 2A and 1/2W are all very excited! The students have created mascot profiles for each of our new friends. We took a class vote to name their mascot and wrote about their personalities and interests. Over the year, our mascots will be able to go home with each student and their family.

Thankyou to the parents who came to our Information night last night, our Year 2 Term Newsletter will be available online as of Friday afternoon.

Year Three

This week in Year 3 the students have made some big steps in transitioning to the middle school. They have been very busy practising their QQC (Quickly, quietly and carefully) and taking responsibility for their own stationary in class! The Year 3’s have discussed and chose 3 school learning goals for term 1. It has been fantastic to see the students thinking deeply about how they want to improve on a certain area and the steps they will need to take to achieve their goals. Well done everyone.

Have a look at our amazing learning space.
Year Five

Eureka! Year 5 have stepped back in time for two memorable days in the school’s program at Sovereign Hill. Dressed in period costume they immersed themselves in life in 1850’s in the gold fields of Ballarat. An amazing sound and light show, ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’ on our first night took the students through the significant events leading to the Eureka Stockade. On Wednesday the students explored Sovereign Hill in small groups – visiting the blacksmith, wheel makers, metal spinners, sweet making, gold panning, ten pin bowling and candle dipping. This was followed by a tour of the Gold Museum and a visit to the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka (M.A.D.E).

Throughout the four days the students have worked cooperatively, developed relationships with classmates and teachers, and explored Australian colonial times – a terrific start to our subject focus, history. It was lovely to have Mrs. Skewes visit the students on Wednesday. She enjoyed sharing the experience with them.

A big thank you to our parent helpers, Darren (5L), Peter (5M) and Maria (5N) who helped make our camp a great success.
CENTENARY FETE 2015

Planning is now in full swing for our Fete which is being held on Sunday 25 October 2015. As of Monday 23 February, we will be starting to accept donations of the following items:

- 2nd hand books, cds, dvd's and video games
- 2nd hand soft toys
- 2nd hand designer clothes + 2nd hand school uniforms
- Items for Trash and Treasure stall

Our drop off point for donations will be in the corridor located behind the girls toilet block which will have access from both ends - one door behind the staffroom and one next to the girls toilet block. We anticipate putting signs on both doors prior to 23 February which will be open from 8.30 am each morning. Look out for our first fete newsletter which will be distributed next week which will include more details of the type of donations we need.

Class Stalls - please look out for the notice being sent out today requesting classes to nominate to run one of the in-house stalls. Perhaps talk to other parents in your class to see if there is a particular stall you would like to run. First in, best dressed!

Sponsorship - do you know of a business whether it is your own business or a business where you or a family/friend works at that would like to be a sponsor of our fete. There are various different types of sponsorship packages available and it can be any type of business. If so, leave the details with the office and they can be forwarded to our sponsorship/marketing team.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

A reminder that Issue 1 of the book club is due back by Thursday 19th February. 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. Please contact Ness if you have any further questions.
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Steve and Karyn Wallbrink
Religious Education Classes 2015 at Stella Maris Primary School

Please note the following Important Dates

Commencement Date for Catechist Class - 8 February 2015
Commencement Mass— to be announced
Good Friday/Easter 3 — 5 April 2015
Sacrament of Reconciliation—12 August 2015
Sacrament of Eucharist/Communion—19 August 2015
Sacrament of Confirmation—26 August

If you have any further queries please contact:
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11 December 2014

Ms Susan Amts
Beaumaris Primary School
79-99 Dalgety Rd
BEAUMARIS VIC 3193

Dear Ms Amts,

We would like to sincerely thank Beaumaris Primary School for the generous donation of Christmas presents for our Christmas Gift Appeal 2014.

Children in our care depend on us. We care for them through our many programs which include; foster care, residential care, family violence prevention, education and therapeutic programs to help children recover from trauma caused by abuse, violence and neglect. But we can’t do this without your help.

The generosity shown by Beaumaris Primary School is essential in helping Berry Street to fulfil ‘wish-lists’ for over 2,000 children and young people each year. 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.

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, who donate to our Berry Christmas Gift Appeal, we will be able to give children in care like Jemma and Charlie Christmas presents for the very first time. When Jemma received her present last year she could not believe the Barbie bike with glittering streamers and a pink helmet was really all hers.

Wide-eyed and absolutely thrilled she kept asking, “Is it really mine? Are you sure it’s just for me?” Jemma visited the Berry Street office, strapped on her pink helmet and took off on her bike, giggling delightfully while riding laps around the office with the streamers flying out behind her. “I love my new Barbie bike, it’s what I always wanted! And Charlie got a train set too!”

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,

Sandra de Wolf, AM
Chief Executive Officer
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