FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Welcome back everyone

It was lovely to see all of the students arrive on Monday. The holidays are always a perfect time to change the pace however it was easy to see the students were very happy to see their friends and their teacher in anticipation of another exciting term.

A big congratulations is extended to all our Bulldog supporters!

Holiday maintenance

The rain has certainly helped our oval. The surface was fertilised and mowed over the break.

Thank you to the Garden Club, particularly Vanessa and Angela, who came in to weed and tidy different garden areas and the front of the school in readiness for the arrival of the students.

Thank you also to the parents who tidied, weeded and mulched the garden behind the sports shed. The area looks terrific.

Thank you also to the team of parents, students and teachers who took care of our chickens during the break. The chickens are very happy indeed and continue to supply us with eggs.

Thank you also to the teachers who came in during their holidays to work in their classrooms.

Some key dates for the family calendar

Year 4 Performance Evening: 18th October
Cake Stall: 15th October. See details below
Working Bee: 23rd October. See details below
Prep-Year 4 Swimming Program: 14-25th November
Prep Performance Evening: 29th November
Year 5 and 6 Lifesaving Program: 5-9th December
Year 6 State Wide Government Schools Orientation Day: 6th December
Carols Evening: 19th December
Last day of school: 20th December

Families are encouraged to check key events listed each week in the newsletter and on Compass for their child/children.

Whole School Working Bee: Yates Garden Grant Garden Club Project
9-12.00pm
Sunday 23rd October

We are hoping for lots of helpers

On the 23rd it would be great to complete the following:
Rake and prepare the dirt surface along Emily St near the chessboard
Compact the surface ready for some pavers to be put down
Position some weed matting

A few hours of your time would be greatly appreciated.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Louise Neave
Assistant Principal
**Cake Stall**
This year our annual cake stall is on Saturday 15th October outside the IGA at the Concourse. We are asking the whole school community to please get baking! Favourites include chocolate, banana & carrot cakes, big cakes, cupcakes, brownies, slices, cookies, honey joys, chocolate crackles, toffees, fudge and mixed lolly bags. We’d also love to see jams, pickles, chutneys & spreads if that’s your specialty. Gluten free, nut-free and dairy free items are always in huge demand.
Baked goods can be dropped off on:
**Friday 14th October** – 8:45 – 9:45am or 2:00-4:00pm to the meeting room next to the staff room or after 5.00pm to 13 Naples Rd, Mentone
**Saturday 24th October** – from 7.45am directly to the stall
A letter with more information and stickers to label your goodies will be sent home. Please also ask all of your friends and family to come and see us on the day.
Thank you in anticipation of your support.
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**Walk to School**
VicHealth’s Walk to School month encourages primary school children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school throughout October, to help them get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day. Walking to and from school can also give you more time to connect and chat with your kids, and the opportunity to meet up with other local families along the way.
Your child’s walks, rides and scoots are recorded on a Walk to School classroom calendar, your child’s teacher will record your child’s name, how many times they have walked to and from school during October. Schools with the highest participation levels in each region will be eligible for some fantastic prizes.
Walk to School 2016 is proudly supported by Melbourne City FC.
More information @
walktoschool@vichealth.vic.gov.au
www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au
www.facebook.com/WalkToSchool

**The Snack Shack Update**
Welcome back to school everybody. Just a reminder that The Snack Shack is now open EVERY WEEK of term on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The roster this term has been circulated via email. If you have not had confirmation from us, it means your volunteer form was not received. Thank you to everyone who volunteered so far however we are very short of morning volunteers for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The shift is 10am to 11.15am. If you’re able to help out, please email canteenbps@gmail.com and I will be in touch. Check out the Term 4 Menu on our website. Thanks, Ellie Hilton.

**Scholastic Book**
The Scholastic Book order forms went out this week, please note they are due back on 21 October.
40,000 young people and their families participate in Family Life Victoria sexuality education programs every year. Our program is designed to encourage communication on topics of Health & Human Relations and is conducted by trained, experienced educators. It emphasises the importance of family and is attended by adults & children.

**Session 1: Where Did I Come From?**

*Recommended for Years 3 & 4*

- Discussion about family relationships
- Male and female body similarities and differences
- Conception
- Foetal development and birth

**Time:** 6.00pm - 7.00pm

**Session 2: Preparing for Puberty**

*Recommended for Years 5 & 6*

- Helps prepare young people and families for the physical changes of puberty
- Discussion about emotional changes of puberty
- Periods and sperm production are explained

**Time:** 7.15pm - 8.15pm

**Where:** Beaumaris Primary School  
**When:** Thursday 27th October, 2016  
**Admission:** One session - $20 per family  
Both sessions - $25 per family  
*Payments via Trybooking.com only*

**To Book:** [www.trybooking.com/NCBL](http://www.trybooking.com/NCBL)
Beaumaris Primary School Garden Club are thrilled to have been chosen as only one of 12 Australia-Wide to be recipients of the Yates ‘Be Inspired’ Garden Grants.

Work on the new area will commence at the next special **Working Bee on Sunday 23rd October** in the designated area beside Performing Arts Building/Opposite the Library and Japanese Room bordering the Emily Street boundary fence.

Based on our winning application, and in accordance with the Eligibility Criteria and Grant Guidelines, this area will become a Sensory/Outdoor Learning Area with Australian Native Planting.

For more information please see the ‘overview plan’ in the office or on the Parent Group Board.

**If you could volunteer some time on the 23rd to start the project it would be much appreciated**

This week you will also have received an order form for our Garden Fundraiser ‘Plant-Eco’ Gardening Kits and Accessories. Why not stock up early on Christmas presents the kids can enjoy over the break? To order please return the form or simply **order on QKR now! Only available until Friday October 14th**.

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**Term 4 Science, Toys and Tricks**

Ever wondered how Science, Toys and Tricks are interrelated? Learn about the forces of gravity, energy and chemical reactions, Newton’s 3rd law of movement, sound waves that cause vibrations, dissolving and separating substances and much more.

**WiseOnes** is a program for fast learners and divergent thinkers. Children need to qualify for this program. Please contact Claudine for further details.

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LEVEL LOW DOWN

Foundation

Welcome back to an exciting and jam-packed Term 4! We have got so much to look forward to this term, including our weekly incursion of Circus Skills, Swimming and our Prep Performance at the end of the year. This week we have seen the Preps participating in some amazing performances and dramatic play during Investigations. The dress-ups have been a huge hit, along with musical instruments, which have presented many stars in the making. We are beginning to practice all of our songs for the Prep Performance and are looking forward to showcase our talent later in the term.

Year One

Welcome back! There is a distinct feel of Spring in the air even though the last few days have been a little chilly. This week you may be slightly surprised to see your Year 1 child wandering around staring at clouds and possibly even talking about their cushiony softness. We’re exploring poetry - starting with a cloud poem! The Year 1s will be painting vivid pictures with words, using adjectives and verbs. In Maths we are consolidating multiplication. This Thursday is a super special day because we are finally having our Professor Bunsen incursion and we will have the first of our Health rotations. We are all looking forward to a fun and festive term filled with lots of fabulous discovery opportunities!

Year Two

Welcome back to all our Year 2 families. We hope you had a wonderful, relaxing break and are feeling refreshed and ready for a busy Term 4. This Term, we are learning about different types of poetry. In ICT the students visited and immersed themselves in some entertaining poems that can be found on www.poetry4kids.com.

In maths rotations we have revised division. The teachers have been very impressed with how much the students have remembered over the holidays! Well done to all the families that practiced maths in the last two weeks. Our next math focus is transformation (flip, sliding and turning of shapes).

Year Three

In Year 3, we would like to extend a big welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is looking forward to the term ahead, as we are. This week we have enjoyed seeing each other and sharing our holiday experiences. We have also discussed what’s coming up in term 4, as well as learning about our new subject focus; economics. These are our economics learning intentions:

- explore the difference between needs and wants
- understand the difference between goods and services
- investigate strategies for saving, spending and budgeting
- explore what it means to be a producer and a consumer
- investigate how resources are used in our society

Overall, it has been a fantastic start to the term and we can’t wait to share our learning with you as always.
Year Four
Welcome back to Term 4! The Year 4 Performance rehearsals have started this week and we are working on learning the choreography for the songs. Our Year 4 Performance Night is on Tuesday 18th October, 4DG and 4M will perform at 6pm and 4F and 4W at 7pm. The children are very excited to commence our weekly maths rotations for this term. We are also delighted to be Year 4 ICT buddies for the Preps. We are also learning how to touch type using Typing Club and teaching others how to Code using Scratch.

Year Five
Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you all had a relaxing and fun break. As our Year 5 students have come to expect, we kicked off Term 4 by sharing our holiday experiences and trying to trick each other by including false events in our holiday recounts. Students were creative and strategic as they embedded false statements in amongst truths. We had lots of fun sharing our writing and finding out about everyone’s exciting holiday experiences. We launched our subject foci for the term – economics and health. Next week the students will participate in StartSmart – a financial literacy program. Later in the term they will share their economic learning at the final expo for the year. Throughout the term, students will enjoy visits and experiences relating to our health learning intentions including, Family Life, Lifesaving, Bike Ed and a visit from Victoria Police to discuss cybersafety and the law. If you have any expertise in either of these areas and would like to come along and share your knowledge and experiences,

Year Six
Welcome back from your two week holidays, I hope you are ready for the last 12 week of 2016. This is the last term of primary school for the Year 6’s so let’s make the most of it. The Year Sixes have a really exciting term with lots of fun activities. On Friday we have Family Life also there is lacrosse try outs for people who would like to have a go. Some of the Year Sixes went to kids teaching kids with Karen Jones from Port Phillip Eco Centre on Wednesday. They will be constructing different sustainable games that teach you how to care for our environment. Have a good week!!! From the Media team.