FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Welcome back to Term 4. Hopefully all our students had a restful and fun break ready for a busy final term for 2015. With the School Fete, swimming program, Year 6 Graduation, Stargazing evening and many other activities. It promises to be a great term for everyone.

Sad News

As some of you will know, Sheryl’s mother, Margaret Furness (1930 - 2015), sadly, passed away peacefully in her sleep last week. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to Sheryl and her family. The school will be represented at Margaret’s service on Friday and a floral tribute has been sent to Sheryl on behalf of the school community.

Congratulations Harry Hayden!

Harry Hayden in 5L, is heading to Japan in a couple of weeks to be part of the Disney program at Universal Studios. Harry has been rehearsing here for several months in Australia and we look forward to hearing all about his amazing trip when he returns later in the year. Good luck Harry!

The Victorian Employers’ Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI)

The Victorian Employers’ Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI) has kindly donated a substantial amount of office furniture to BPS. With their recent move to a new head office, they were able to kindly donate some desks for 3 of our offices with office chairs, staffroom chairs, and visitor chairs for our foyer. We were also fortunate to receive some shelving for our Literacy & Numeracy resources. Thank you to Mark Stone (CEO) and Craig Bell (CFO). If your business is interested in finding out more about the benefits of becoming a member of VECCI please visit their website www.vecci.org.au

SunSmart Reminder

As this is the first newsletter for Term 4, it is a good opportunity to remind all parents and students that our school is an official SunSmart School. Students are required to wear a hat every day from the beginning of September through to the end of April. Please ensure that your child has a school hat that it is clearly labelled with their name. Students who don’t have a hat will be required to sit under the shaded cloth area at break times. Our SunSmart policy is available to view on our school website.

AGGA: Australian Glass and Glazing Association

We received another kind donation of high quality trestle tables from the AGGA.
who are also moving offices this week. Thank you to the Overton family for arranging this for us and for delivery the tables to the school.

Not returning in 2015? Please let us know now. This information will be treated with confidentiality. Families are asked to let us know now if they will not be returning in 2015. It is very helpful for our planning and much appreciated at this early stage. Sadly, as in all school communities, some families relocate at the end of the year. We will miss you and we wish you well.

Family Life Parent and Child Sexuality Education sessions for Years 3 to 6
A reminder to Years 4 to 6 families that bookings for the Family Life Parent and Child sessions are due on Monday 12 October. The sessions will be held on Thursday 15 October in the SALC. Two sessions will be offered, the first for Year 3 & 4 students and their families “Where Did I Come From”, the second for Year 5 & 6 students and their families “Preparing for Puberty”. Experienced educators in Sexuality Education run the sessions and in past years parents have found it to be an ideal introduction to the important facts of life for their children. Family Life requires at least 10 families are enrolled for each session in order for the program to run. Please follow this link for full information and booking form: http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/family_life_october_family_sessions_2015.pdf

**Neven Paleka**
**Assistant Principal**

**Japanese**
A BIG thankyou to Nikki Marsh – mother of Daniel (Yr 2) and Nathan (Prep) Marsh for making new cushion covers for our zabutons in the Japanese room. They look amazing!! We all love them :-(

**Melbourne United Basketball**
Mr Eden recently arranged for Melbourne United Basketball Club to send Legendary Tiger's Player Warrick Giddey along to BPS to conduct Drills & Skills Clinics with all our Year 3s. The children will soon have a chance to put their new skills to the test at Mr Eden's "Basketball Mania" event at the School Fete: - featuring HOOPSMART activities & competitions, special guest Player Appearances & demos, Teachers V Students game PLUS look for Basketball Mania Raffle Tickets for your chance to win GREAT PRIZES including a Melbourne United signed singlet!! Meantime, Melbourne United have their first home game this Sunday 11th October at Hisense Arena. Tip off is 3pm. Someone will WIN a new car and every kid that attends will get a free Melb United t-shirt.

**A NIGHT OF STARGAZING**

We are very excited to announce that The Astronomical Society of Victoria have confirmed a new date for a night of stargazing at Beaumaris Primary School.

Astronomy for the people is an ASV service that provides telescopes to schools for community viewing sessions.

The best time for school students is when Moon is just prior to the first quarter. This means that the Terminator on Moon is in sharp relief showing the fine structure of the mountains and craters and is not too bright to see the fainter objects.

Rug up and join us for this spectacular evening.

WHERE: Beaumaris Primary School Oval: entry Herbert St.
WHEN: Thursday 15th October
TIME: 7.30pm—9.30pm
COST: $5 per person
   cash payable on the night
   (please bring correct money if possible)
   no bookings necessary
**FETE NEWS**

**Calling all doctors**

Are there any doctors amongst our school families who are happy to be on call for 2-3 hours on fete day (Oct 25th) if required to offer medical assistance to patrons? If so could you please urgently email or phone Karen Munn on 0404 018445 or munnkaren@hotmail.com.

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**Fete Cake Stall.**

**Dates for your diaries:**

- **Friday 23rd October**...BAKE
- **Saturday 24th October**...DROP OFF GOODS
- **Sunday 25th October**...FETE!

Hello all,

3F are coordinating this year’s Fete CAKE STALL, but we would love as many people as possible from the school community to contribute goods to be sold. Whether it be a slice, cookies, confections or any other goodies, they will all be gratefully received. Drop off and other details to come.

Thanks!

Any questions, please contact Bev Wattam on 0410 829 630 or bevwattam@hotmail.com

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**We’re in a jam...**

**...and a pickle!**

We’re desperately seeking Jams, Chutneys, Pickles and Preserves donations for our fete stall – 25th October

Calling on students, parents and of course the very talented Grey Army...Are you able to donate jars (preferably full of jam, but empties needed too), ingredients, or time and cooking skills to help us reach our target of 400 jars ready for sale? We would be VERY grateful. Ingredients labels are available from school reception.

Please deliver to school reception or email robin07coleman@yahoo.com.au if you can help.
DONATION DAY

Friday 16th October

On Friday children are allowed to wear casual clothes to school as we have our final push for donations for our Centenary Fete. In the afternoon children will also be helping make decorations for their class stall.

There will be tables set up under the shade cloth from 8.00am for you to drop any last minute donations. Tables will be there all day. The shed will be also be open to drop the following:

- 2nd hand books, DVD’s, CD’s & video games
- Soft drinks/water
- Trash & Treasure

The following can be left at the tables:

- Jams & Chutneys
- Hand made items for our craft stall
- Soft toys - clean and washed please
- Designer clothes/2nd hand uniforms
- Chipped & broken crockery (check your cupboard for all those unwanted mugs etc)
- Chocolate blocks

A huge thanks from the fete committee, 17 days to go!!
Sunday 25th October 10am-4pm

Beaumaris Primary School
Centenary Celebrations

Fete

To order unlimited rides wristband go to:
or order through Qkr through the Qkr app.
Pre-purchase price is available until Friday 16th October.

Cost: $30 unlimited rides
$20 unlimited junior rides (animal farm, tea cups, giant slide, rainforest inflatable)
after the 9th October and on day of fete wristbands are $40.
Photos of all our rides are shown below
LEVEL LOW DOWN
Foundation

Welcome back to our last term in Year Prep. What a busy way to start! Simon and his dog Rory from 'Responsible Pet Ownership' came to visit us on Monday. They taught us that we must get permission from a dog's owner before patting an unknown dog. We also learnt to stand still, hands by our sides, quiet as a mouse and look down at the ground if we are scared of an angry dog.

On Tuesday we had our first Little Devil’s Circus skills lesson- balancing spinning plates, ribbon work and hula hoops. On Wednesday we had an in school visit by a St John Ambulance representative. We learned the difference between a problem and an emergency. We discussed how to solve a problem like an argument with a sibling and compared that to an emergency. We learned what to do in an emergency, such as, when someone is unconscious. We also talked about dangers being something unsafe or something that can hurt you. Please help your child fill out their 000 form and place it on the fridge or near the phone at home.

Mrs Sue Fine, our maths consultant worked with all the Prep teachers about further differentiating place value. She wanted to remind all parents that if you are showing your children how to set out algorithms at home, please set them out vertically. This really helps the children's greater understanding of place value.

Year One

What a great start to a busy Term 4!
This week we began multiplication. This can be a really tricky concept so this week we just started with ‘groups of’ and repeated addition.

2 groups of 3  4 groups of 2  3 groups of 5
3+3  2+2+2+2  5+5+5

We had a go at drawing different groups in our jotter pads, on whiteboards and we even used patty pans and counters to make real groups. Where have you seen groups of things?
This we started our very own information report projects. We are writing them about our favourite animal and we began researching using books and iPads. We needed to find out about its habitat, what it eats, what it looks like and any other interesting facts. Some of the animals include the Tasmanian devil, shark, cat, bunny and penguin.
Welcome back Year One!

Year Two

Welcome to Term 4! We hope you all had a restful and relaxing holiday break. We loved hearing holiday and adventure stories from the students and they certainly sound like they all had an enjoyable couple of weeks. This term will be a busy one and we have ‘hit the ground running’ with our Year 2 performance night rehearsals. It will be held on Tuesday 20th October (6pm for 2W and 2M and 7pm for 2C and 2A).

The Year 2 students enjoyed a visit from St John Ambulance to learn about First Aid this week. They were all able to recall the number to call if there is an emergency (000) and their address – two important pieces of information!
Here are some quotes from our Year 2 students:

Reyner: “If we are helping someone in an emergency, we always check for any danger otherwise you also might get hurt”
Eloise: “R is for response and if someone faints the first thing you need to do is call out their name and see if they respond”
James: “I really enjoyed it when we got to wrap each other in bandages”
Hannah: “We learnt that D is for danger and you need to call 000 for an ambulance”

**Year Three**

Today the Year 3 children were visited by Project Rockit. They discussed the importance of not judging people by their appearance and including others when we play. The students also learnt how to effectively communicate with each other and other important social skills, empathy and resilience-building exercises that are vital to positive peer relationships in later years build resilience when things go wrong.

We would also like to remind parents to get the camp forms to their teachers as soon as possible as there is a lot of preparation that needs to be done before we depart. Thank you in advance.

**Year Four**

Year 4 have begun term 4 with lots of energy and enthusiasm, which is wonderful, as we have a jam packed, super busy term ahead of us, starting with St John’s First Aid Training tomorrow as well as working with our artist in residence Matthew Butler to assemble our zaishus. On Friday we are meeting with parents from our very dedicated gardening club and each Friday thereafter we will be working with them in our kitchen garden to get it going again, hopefully growing some produce for sale later in the term.

We are very excited about our upcoming school fete, and learning lots about Health and Economics through our current interests. As part of our subject focus we will be visiting Queen Victoria Market on a shopping expedition to prepare a family meal. We also have our Performance Night during Melbourne Cup week and many of us are looking forward to the yoga sessions we are going to be doing at Sanctuary Yoga in the Concourse.

We are also enjoying our new shared learning space, working together across all three classes.
**Year Five**

We have hit the ground running in Year 5! Author, George Ivanoff, shared his insights about the writing process and launched our new writing strategies framework, ‘VOICES’ (an acronym: V for Voice, O for Organisation, I for Ideas, C for Conventions, E for Explore Word Choices and S for Sentence Fluency). George suggested how important it is that students find their own unique voice as writers, be observers and note their ideas in their Writer’s Notebooks, ask themselves lots of questions to explore ideas, organise their writing with conventions to support their reader, seek and use precise words, and read their writing to recognise the bits that flow and the clumsy bits that still need work.

To launch our health focus this term we have commenced the Family Life sessions. The students have demonstrated maturity and respect during the first of three sessions, and have been encouraged to engage in conversations with their parents/guardians at home about the content discussed, and return a signed slip to demonstrate they have done so. In addition, we have worked with St John Ambulance educators to learn about basic first aid.

At home, please encourage daily reading and support your children to set aside appropriate time to complete their homework by Friday.

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**Year Six**

This week in year six we would like to welcome you all back to our final term of 2015. We hope you all had a fantastic and relaxing holiday. We have completed reflections about the holidays in our personal writing. We have started the process of Literacy Circles. In Maths we are investigating decimals by dividing and multiplying to the power of ten. We have introduced the students to the topics in Economics and exploring the concept of scarcity. Wednesday we had St. John Ambulance come to the school and the year 6 students completed the “Primary School First Aid Training Course”. On Friday the students will attend the Railway Safety Presentation. We hope you all have a great week!!!
Dear Families

We hope you all had a fantastic break and are excited to start a brand new term. As you are aware term three saw quite a few changes happen in the last few weeks at OSHC.

As we move forward into a new term there are a few reminders that the team would like to discuss.

- Just as last term, we will be continuing to update enrolment forms for all children in attendance. These records are part of our compliance and will be reviewed and updated annually. If you have not completed one please set five minutes aside at drop off/pick up to complete this.
- To ensure your children’s safety we will be updating all medical management plans in the new term. If your child attends OSHC and has a medical condition please see a staff member to collect all relevant information. It is a legal requirement that we have these records accurate and up to date.
- If any parents have any feedback or concerns please advise and inform the OSHC staff as we can begin work immediately to resolve any concerns or implement any feedback as soon as possible.
- Hats and sunscreen must be worn in terms four and one in OSHC. If your child is sensitive or allergic to the sunscreen provided, you are more than welcome to supply your own sunscreen which can be kept in your child’s bag whilst at OSHC. We also cannot allow children to share hats in care due to health reasons.

One last note for parents that if your child is absent from a session they are booked in to attend, please contact the OSHC service and inform them on the service mobile number which is 0452 247 837.

Warm Regards
The Camp Australia Team.
Why connect at school?

Peter held his daughter Rachel's hand tightly. It was a first for him to be taking Rachel to school. His heart was pounding as they made their way to the classroom. There was the teacher, Ms Lim. She smiled at them, "Welcome Rachel, hello Peter." Another child waved at Rachel. She seemed happy to have a friend to play with. So why was Peter still nervous?

"We're having a morning tea for parents next week. Will you come?" Ms Lim asked.
"I'll try," Peter said. "It all seems different from when I went to school," he thought as he headed out the door. "They seem to want parents to be involved. I wonder what else has changed?"

Schools can be scary places, and not just for children

Parents and carers also need to feel welcome and at ease to get the most out of being involved with their children's school.

When parents and carers are involved and connected with school, children are better learners and have better mental health and wellbeing. This is an important emphasis in schools nowadays that may be very different from what parents or carers remember, or what they may have experienced in another country.

Connecting at school

Being connected at school is not about having mobile phones and computers. It's about knowing you can get support, that you will be listened to, and that you can work together with school staff to help your child learn and develop. Working together to care for children is the best way for schools and parents and carers to support children's mental health and wellbeing.

- When schools and parents and carers work together, children find it easier to understand what is expected from them and are better able to manage. They have fewer behaviour problems and do better at school.
- When parents and carers are connected to school it helps them get support when they need it. Support may come from talking with teachers or other school staff, or from making connections with other parents and carers. Schools help families to connect through having lots of different activities that parents and carers can get involved in.
- Being connected to the school helps keep parents and carers informed. Parents and carers who are informed about what their children are learning at school and about opportunities to get involved are able to support them better at home.
School is a place for adults to make new friends too!

Having opportunities to get to know other parents and carers, to find out how to support children’s learning, or to get involved in class activities can help parents and carers feel connected to the school.

Working together is the best way to support children’s mental health and wellbeing.

How parents and carers can get connected to the school

- Make contact with your child’s teacher and keep in touch. Ask for help if you don’t understand something.
- Check for notices that are sent home and keep informed about school activities through the school newsletter.
- Attend information sessions and social activities at the school whenever you can.
- Make contact with other parents and carers at your school, perhaps meet up informally with parents or carers of other children in your child’s class, find out about parent social groups that meet at or near the school, or join a parent committee.
- Take an interest in the school council and consider joining it if you have the time and skills.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au