FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families,

Carols Evening

Our students looked very festive in their Christmas outfits last night and their happy faces showed their enjoyment. Thank you to the students for a wonderful evening. We were very pleased to have lovely balmy weather. Thank you also to Mrs Caroline Rothberg and Mr Joe Lilburne for their work behind the scenes and thank you to all the teachers for preparing a blend of traditional and contemporary performances by the students. Thank you also to Saba and Ella, our Performing Arts Captains, for hosting the evening. Thank you also to Parent Club for organising some stalls and thank you to BFAC for organising another super sausage sizzle.

We hope families enjoyed the exhibition of the amazing centenary journals prepared by each class. We hope too that everyone had a look at the items to be included in our centenary time capsule. The journals and time capsule items will remain on display until Monday afternoon.

Congratulations to Mr Ross Bailey

Last night the school community congratulated Mr Ross Bailey for 27 years service to Beaumaris Primary School and 50 years service to the Department of Education. This is an outstanding career achievement and we were indeed privileged to share this truly significant milestone with Ross. To mark Mr Bailey’s achievement School Council, our teachers and our students and their families formally named our oval The Ross Bailey Oval.

Congratulations Ross. An outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to our Hooptime Team: Winners of the state final!

The team, coached by Miss Lauren Cooper, went from strength to strength during their season culminating in a fantastic state finals win last Sunday at Hisense Arena. The boys played with great team work, sportsmanship, confidence and athleticism throughout the match. They should be very proud of their performance. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who went along to support the team.

Library update:

The book stock is being culled by Mrs Julia Jones and other installations are being put in position. The shelves are in place. We anticipate the library will re-open in February next year, hopefully in the week following our Year 5 and 6 camps.

A friendly reminder: Updat-ed is here so get connected!

We are very pleased to announce that parents can now opt in to a new phone app called Updat-ed which replaces Konnective. Instructions were sent home on Monday with the students. 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 Updat-ed!

Extra Curricula Activities at BPS in 2016

We offer a wide range of extra curricula activities at various times during the week that are very popular with our students. Information and registration requirements for 2016 are available by clicking here.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Neven Paleka
Assistant Principal
The Snack Shack
Just a reminder to families that The Snack Shack is closed for the last week of term, therefore the last day for this year is tomorrow, Friday 11th.
I would like to thank all the parents and carers for their voluntary assistance throughout the year - The Snack Shack couldn’t operate without you! If you would like to volunteer in The Snack Shack in 2016, please remember to return your form to the office by Friday 11th. I am also taking this opportunity to wish all staff, students and their families a very happy and healthy holiday. See you next year, Ellie Hilton.

Hooptime State Champions!!!
On arrival at Hisense Arena on Sunday 6th December it was as if the Beaumaris community had moved to Hisense Arena. There were people everywhere ready to support our boys’ basketball team in the State Championship game. The team played 12 minute halves with a 30 minute break. At the end of the first half the score was 12 -10, Beaumaris was in the lead. After the halftime beak the Beauy boys came out hard. They took over the game in the first 3 minutes with relentless defence. The end score was 24-18 and Beaumaris Primary School was crowned the Hooptime State Champions for 2015. Congratulations to Marcus for being awarded the game MVP. A fantastic achievement!
I cannot express how proud I am of this group of nine Year 6 boys. On an occasion that could have had a very different result the boys showed courage, determination and nerves of steel. Congratulations to Mitch, Marcus, Sammy, Lachlan, Cooper, Aidan, Brodie, Nic and Peter.
Lauren Cooper

Unwanted Bras
"Further to the request sent out via the Class Reps, please drop off any unwanted bras to the school office by Thursday 17th December. Lesley Oakley in 1R will be delivering them to the local Uplift collection centre during the school holidays. For more information please take a look at www.upliftbras.org."

Why Bras?
"In the Solomon Islands it is quite difficult to access a comfortable bra. Some of the second hand shops sell bras but mostly women have to buy their bras from the Chinese Trade Stores. These bras have some problems; they come in smaller sizes, are made of nylon and perish quickly in tropical conditions. You cannot buy maternity bras or mastectomy bras in country. For the women to be given free bras is an unbelievable experience for all of them. Women feel a tremendous obligation to meet the needs of their families, and so for any woman in the village to spend money buying a bra for herself can almost be seen as an unforgivable sin. The priority for women's spending is food and education needs of children."

The situation described above is common in many countries. Women appreciate the common dignity of a bra for business or social occasions. Bras control breast swing when women bend to garden or cook at ground level. In humid climates rashes, fungal infections and abscesses occur between the breast and the chest wall. Bras help by allowing air circulation. Nursing mums everywhere leak, and bras allow the dignity of a dry shirt, and the comfort of support. A thrush rash on a mother’s skin may spread to her baby’s mouth, and then back into the breast itself. A mastectomy bra offers privacy about the problem.

Since 2005, Uplift, with assistance from Intimo and Rotary Australia World Community Service, has sent over a million bras wherever women have requested them. Uplift tries to ensure they get to the women who need them without compromising their dignity. We have sent bras to Fiji, PNG, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Philippines, Bali, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, the Northern Territory and the Kimberley regions in Australia.
Premier’s Reading Challenge Parent Survey

The Department of Education and Training is conducting research into the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (PRC) to understand parents' experiences and needs, as well as any improvements that could be made to the program.

We invite you to complete this survey if your child was registered for the 2015 PRC. The Department has engaged Andrews Group, an independent research firm, to conduct this research and your answers will remain confidential.

The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Click here to begin the survey

If you are having difficulties accessing the survey, please copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser: https://qau1.au1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9Rd7MoKOiVVAM3r

If you have any queries about the research, please don’t hesitate to contact Jillian Harriott, Research Manager at Andrews Group on (03) 9654 4480 or jillian@andrewsgroup.com.au. Alternatively please contact the Reading Challenge on (03) 9637 3624 or readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you in advance for your time.

Places for Term 1 Afterschool Bollywood Classes are limited!
Bollywood is popular!! And we are only taking 28 students next year. The first 15 places are open to existing Bollywood students only & we will open 13 new spots on 20th Jan 2016 on a first come first served basis. If you want to pre-register your interest, email info@ignitebollywood.com with subject heading: “Term 1 waitlist (your child’s name)” and we will contact you before 20th Jan 2016.

Questions? Call Jag on 0423 080 724
Preps enjoyed being part of their first carols evening last night. We are all looking forward to our special Christmas Lunch on Wednesday followed by a special Christmas surprise! Leading up to Christmas, they have been busy writing amazing stories about who would deliver presents if Santa was unavailable. Here is a sneak peek at some of their stories.

**Why can’t Santa deliver presents?**
Santa flew into some fog. Then he heard a crash and wallop! The fog cleared away and he saw an evil transformer. He said “I am Megatron. I am a transformer” Then flash kicked Megatron.” – Lachie P, Prep A

Mrs Claus was having a baby in her tummy. Santa needed Rudolph to take his place while he went to the hospital to see Mrs Claus and the baby. So Rudolph took Santa’s place and delivered the presents to all the children. – Lilly, Prep T

At Christmas, Santa was fed up! Santa told Rudolph to give the presents to all of the children. Santa went swimming. – Harvey, Prep T

**Year One**

After many weeks of practice, last night was our annual Christmas carols performance. We sang *Rocking around the Christmas tree*. Thank you to all the students and families who came last night, it was a great night! The students were excited and a little nervous to perform in front of such a huge crowd but they did an amazing job and looked very festive! Well done Year Ones!

This week we had our last Step Up session before we meet our 2016 teacher next Tuesday. We visited the Year 2 classrooms and spoke to this year’s teachers about what Year 2 will be like. We found out that it isn’t actually that different to Year 1. We are very excited!

Christmas is all around us at the moment and this week we got into the Christmas spirit. We created and designed our own elves: *If I were an elf*. We had to draw our elves, name them, give them an age, name their favourite toy, create a job for them at the North Pole and explain what they would choose to pull the sleigh if the reindeer went missing. Each and every elf looked extremely different but every single one was designed and created with imagination, they look great!

Next Wednesday the 16th December we are having our Year 1 end of year celebration! We are having fish and chips at the Beaumaris beach.

**Year Two**

We have had a very exciting week in Year Two with lots of fun and learning! On Tuesday we participated in some health rotations which included a visit from Bike and Blend where we blended our own smoothies on special bikes! A huge thank you to Janine Boreham who assisted on the day. We also sang our little hearts out at the carols evening on Wednesday evening! What a wonderful memory of the year.

We are looking forward to our final week of Year 2 with many exciting things planned. Please remember to return any take home books or library books as soon as possible in preparation for our end of year clean up. Thank you!
**Year Three**

This week in Year 3 we have been busy rehearsing our Christmas carol ‘Run, Run Rudolph’. All of the students were absolutely fantastic performing last night. We would also like to take a moment and acknowledge Mr Ross Bailey for his amazing 50 years of teaching. Congratulations on having the Beaumaris Primary School oval named after you and we wish you many years of happy retirement. Good luck fishing and playing golf in your spare time.

Phoebe “We will really miss Mr Bailey and I hope that he comes back after his long service leave”

Thomson “The carols was a fun and a lively event”

Skye “I was really excited when they named the oval, the Ross Bailey Oval”

Davis “I really enjoyed listening to all the carols”

**Year Four**

Congratulations to the year 4 students who this morning presented an informative and enterprising Expo on Economics and Health.

Their work was generally very profitable and all profits and donations are to be sent to specific charities nominated by students or to State Schools Relief.

Our song at last night’s Xmas Carols went off beautifully and we are sure the BPS community enjoyed the evening.

Please remember to keep an eye on the school’s calendar of events for a very busy last week of school coming up, commencing with Monday’s Beach Xmas end of year celebration. Remember, all students must be sun smart with rash vests, hats and sunscreen.

**Year Five**

The Year 5s had a memorable bike hike to Chelsea Bicentennial Park. We were all challenged by the varying weather conditions. By applying bike ed skills and knowledge and digging deep, we all made it one way or another back to school! A big thank you to the year 6 teachers, Jo Owens (our support vehicle driver and coffee buyer) and the parents who joined us for the day.

Our lifesaving program has challenged students to think about beach and water safety – an important consideration in the lead up to summer holidays. Some of the many activities included riding boards, ‘saving’ each other, swimming while wearing clothes in the water, learning CPR and playing some physically demanding games in the sand.

To celebrate our year, we will be having fish and chips on the beach next Thursday.

From all the year 5 teaching team we wish you a very merry Christmas and a safe, fun holiday.