A friendly reminder

The students will be dismissed at 1.30pm tomorrow.

Students resume on Monday 1st February 2016

Dear Parents and Families: best wishes for the festive season

On behalf of all the staff at Beaumaris Primary School we extend best wishes to all families for a safe and restful festive season. We hope you have a relaxing holiday and return refreshed ready for another exciting year.

Appointment of Mrs Louise Neave as Assistant Principal

Congratulations to Mrs Neave on her appointment as Assistant Principal. Mrs Neave is highly regarded by our teachers and staff as well as the parent community. I look forward to working with Louise in the years ahead.

Farewell and Good Luck Mr Neven Paleka

As mentioned a few weeks ago Mr Neven Paleka has been appointed as principal at South Yarra PS commencing in 2016. It has been a delight to work with Neven. He is held in high regard by students, parents and all staff because of his genuine care and respect for the students, his professionalism and his integrity. Congratulations and best wishes Neven. We will miss you.

Congratulations to all Year 6 Graduates of the Class of 2015

On Monday evening parents, students and teachers came together to celebrate the achievement of another milestone for our Year 6 students. Thank you to Mr Peter Jarvis, Miss Lauren Cooper and Miss Sinead Pritchard for preparing the students for secondary school. Our students leave with a sound academic foundation, a belief in themselves and a belief that learning can and should be fun. Thank you also to Mary Kapetanas, Cindy Orchard and Tara Chandler-Scott, with the assistance of Parent Club, for preparing the decorations and organising supper and photo booth for all to enjoy after the ceremony.

To all our Year 6 students good luck next year! You should be very proud of your achievements and the contributions you have made to school life. We look forward to your contributions to the school over the years.

2015 Year Six Award Recipients Awards

Thank you to Nuline Bus Company and Napolitano Pizzas for their sponsorship of our student awards. Sponsorship enabled each award recipient to receive a voucher redeemable at Beaumaris Books in the Concourse.

Citizenship Awards: Zoe Spence, Denie Bellamy, Nick Plevritis, Mitch Owens, Jess Armstrong,; Georgia Dilnot, Joseph Shim, Maddie Collins

ICT: Melissa Sevin

Sustainability: Hattie Waters

Performing Arts: Saba Bennett, Ella Putt

PE/Sport: Milla O’Brien, Marcus Windhager

Japanese: Millie Backman, Georgia Shephard

Visual Arts: Beth Jenkins, April Thomas

17 December 2015
Beaumaris PS Yearbook 2015

The 2015 Yearbook was sent home to each family this week. We hope our families enjoy the special moments that have been captured during the year. Thank you to Miss Stephanie Volkov for managing the production of the yearbook.

Families on the move

To all families moving on, relocating or returning overseas or interstate, we wish you every success. Our school is truly enriched by our international families, those from interstate and local schools.

Farewell to Miss Lucas

Each year some of our teachers explore opportunities to expand their horizons. Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Chloe Lucas who has accepted a teaching position in the UK. We look forward to hearing about your experience.

Teachers on leave from Beaumaris PS in 2016

Miss Tarryn Anderson is taking leave for a year to work in the non-government system.
Miss Catherine Churchward is has a temporary transfer to Wattle Park PS for a year to experience another school.
Mr Ross Bailey will be taking long service leave until March 2017.
Mrs Kerryn Pearman will be taking leave for 12 months and she will resume in 2017.
Additionally in 2016, Mrs Anna Redlich will be working two days a week.

Welcome to new staff in 2016

On Tuesday our students met their class teacher for 2016. The following teachers will join the teaching team.
Miss Alycia Palermo (Prep team), Mrs Jacqui Wilson (Year 1 team), Mr Sam Lucas (Year 3 team), Mrs Sally Weppner (Year 4 team) and Miss Grace Hulls (Year 5).

Thank you to all staff

Every day all who work at BPS, the teachers, the administration team and our support staff, collectively contribute either directly or indirectly to the education of your child. They enjoy the collegiality of the co-workers, the challenge of their profession and we greatly value their commitment to our clear focus on student academic achievement, engagement and wellbeing and the smooth running of the school. We thank them for their professionalism and sense of fun woven in to all that they do each and every day.

Thank you to the Parent Community

Your contribution makes possible and brings to fruition the many initiatives, programs and events that make this school a great place for our students to learn and develop. Parents generously support the teachers and the school overall in so many ways and your support truly overwhelms and amazes us.

Thank you to School Council, Finance Committee, Education Committee, Buildings & Grounds Committee, Centenary Committee, Marketing and Communications Committee, Grants Committee, Canteen, BFAC, Scholastic Book Club, Clothing Recycling, Parent Club and Class Representatives, the Fete Committee, Gardening Club, and the huge team of parent helpers who assist in so many ways.

Our Achievements in 2015

It is appropriate at this time of year to celebrate our achievements during 2015. Our achievements are due to the strong, positive relationships and high levels of commitment that exist between our students, staff and parents.

Our School Identity

Our school celebrated its one hundredth year, a truly wonderful achievement.
Centenary Open Day on May 2nd with close to one thousand people in attendance.
Centenary Fete, a highly successful day raised $77,000.
All students contributed to a collection of centenary journals and a time capsule

Student Academic Achievement

Our Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN results were very strong. Overall our school data is well above national and state means in all areas assessed including Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Number.
Maths Olympiad Competition results were commendable

Student Sporting Achievement

Hoop Time Team state champions
Lacrosse Team regional finalists
Lawn Bowls Team regional finalists

Improvements to school buildings and infrastructure

Our School Council is committed to the provision of a contemporary, modern, well maintained, flexible learning environment for our students and our teachers.

Engagement of architect Clarke Hopkins Clarke to develop concept plans for refurbishment of current Year 1 and 2 building including current Year 4 teaching space
Recarpet and paint the library and the Japanese learning spaces
Additional pin board installed throughout the Year 5 and 6 classrooms
Installation of split system air conditioners in ten junior school classrooms and two in Year 5 and 6 classrooms
The continual upgrade of our technology infrastructure and internet access
New double portable classroom for our Year 3 students
Master Plan for the external environment currently being reviewed

School Survey Results
Staff opinion survey was above the state mean in school climate and professional learning
Parent opinion survey was at or above the state mean in extra curricula, behaviour management, students safety, connectedness to peers and student motivation
Year 5 and 6 Student Attitudes to School Survey was above the state mean in class behaviour, connectedness to peers and teacher empathy

School Initiatives, Grants and Awards
Artist in Schools Grant: The History Puzzle
Public Records Office Grant to archive and preserve our wonderful school
Resource Smart Grant: Sustainability
Local Green School of the Year Award and Green School Teacher of the Year Award, Ms McManus
International Schools Division Minato Ku Visit
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) initiative combined with purchase of iPads

Fundraising
Fundraising events during the year included:
Open Garden and BBQ, Easter Raffle, Mothers day Stall, Cake Stall, Aussie Farmers Direct, Movie ticket sales, Disco, Father’s Day Stall, Father’s Day Breakfast, Buddies Tea Towels, Bunnings BBQ, Waste Savers, Scholastic Book Club, Coffee Cart.

Total Funds raised: $22,980
Funds raised have been allocated to the following areas:

- Sunscreen: $1,147
- Parent Club Vouchers: $150
- Garden Mulch: $1,875
- Furniture Year 3, 4 and Year 5: $2,756
- Parent Club Bush Band Community Event: Student and families: $2,838
- Creation of Parent Club BBQ Box: $138
- Artist in Schools Program Resources: Centenary Zaishus: $5,213
- Bike Stands: $2,290
- Art Show Refreshments: $168
- Parent Club Roster Software for Fete: $268
- Parent Club Graduation Initiative: $1,340
- Scholastic Book Club: library books: $1,845
- Bulk Buy Cinema Tickets for ongoing sales: $3,369
- Centenary Time Capsule: $TBA

Total Spent: $22,398

Beaumaris Primary School Centenary Fete Total Funds raised: $77,000
Funds raised have been allocated to the following areas:

- Split System Air conditioners to 4 remaining classrooms: $13,750
- iPads for Prep, Year 2 and Year 3, plus covers and 3 charging units: $25,406
- Learning Support Program: $2,000
- Literacy Resources: $3,000
- Mathematics Resources: $3,000
- We are currently costing installation of a deck across the area between the oval and the rear of the hall: $TBA
- Specialist program resources, classroom furniture, storage: $TBA

The value placed on community by students, families and our staff is a strength of our school. By working together we can achieve ongoing improvement in student learning, the internal and external learning environments and our technology resources.

We are proud of our achievements and our wonderful history. We look forward to working with you to realise the opportunities that lie ahead of us in 2016.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Neven Paleka
Assistant Principal
2016 Stationery Orders
The company who provide our student stationery kits will be processing the credit card payments made for the stationery kits week commencing 4th Jan, 2016.

BFAC: dads who care
A big thank you to all the fantastic dads who helped out at the sausage sizzle for school carols last week. And thanks to the families with waiting in the lines!! And a massive thanks to the dads who have helped out at multiple functions over the course of the year. It has been an epic year - your community thanks you!!
To all the mums, please get your hubby to think about coming along for school functions but mainly for the social evenings we run. It really is a tight knit and lovely bunch of blokes who come along regularly. Even send us an email at beaumaris.fathers@gmail.com to get on our email list!!

Off and Racing!!!
Last Saturday, 12th December marked the State Relay Championships. Year 5 student Meka Barone represented Mentone Athletics Club in the Girls 4x200m, Girls 4x100m and the Mixed division 4x100m relays. With teams from around the state the competition was strong. Meka opened her day with the Girls 4x200m heat. The team ran hard and unfortunately missed out on the final by just 1 second. Later in the afternoon Meka raced in the Girls 4x100m heat and came 2nd overall. This earned them a place in the final. The team finished 6th in the State. Beaumaris Primary School would like to congratulate Meka on this outstanding achievement and wish her all the best with her running in the future.

The Hoop Time Basketball Team were treated to a tasty pizza lunch donated by Rob Abdulsamad at Napolitano Pizza shop in the Concourse. Rob spoilt the boys with pizza, drinks and icy poles to celebrate their state final win. A huge thank you to Rob and his family for all their support.
A HUGE thank you to all of the Prep parents who helped with the Prep Christmas lunch. The students had a wonderful time and used their very best manners.

The final week has come around very quickly and what a week it’s been! It was great to meet the foundation buddies and read our Buddy Books with them. It was such fun to see the little ones grow in confidence with our “year six” students.

Congratulations to Meka for her participation at the Little Athletics Finals at Albert Park. She competed for Mentone LAC and finished second in the 4 x 100m relay heat. Well done Meka.

Harry has kept us up to date with his experiences in Japan. The photos show Harry at work at Universal Studios and presenting the origami cranes at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima.

Our Christmas crafts have taken lots of concentration and precise construction, with some spectacular results.

Our beach day on Thursday is looking like a beautiful day out of school to end the year.

All the very best for the holidays and enjoy some wonderful times with family and friends. Happy New Year for 2016.

The Year Five Team.