Dear Parents and Families

Safety on the way to school and on the way home
Families are urged to talk with their children about safety on the way to school and on the way home. One of our parents alerted us to a post on the Beaumaris Hub that described how a student from Mentone Girls Grammar was followed by a car on her way to school in Parkdale. The incident was reported to police. Please talk to your children about what to do if they feel unsafe.

District Swimming
Congratulations to our swimmers for their efforts at the District Swimming Competition last Tuesday at MSAC. The students were a delight. They had a wonderful experience competing against our local schools and as always their behaviour between events was exemplary, as was their humility after a win or a loss. Congratulations to all. We are very proud of you.

Thank you to Mrs Robinson, Mr Eden, Miss Hulls, Miss Pritchard and all the parents who supported our swimmers both at training leading up to the competition and on the day. Overall our school finished sixth in the competition, a big improvement on last year.

Easter Eggs Donations
For someone who loves chocolate, working in the office at the moment has become quite a challenge. There is a growing collection of very tempting chocolate goodies. Thank you to our generous students and their families. Many lucky families will win a basket of chocolate treats at our Easter assembly. Don’t forget to buy a ticket in the raffle.

We are looking forward to our Prep Easter Bonnet Parade on the last day of term and the Easter Bunny may even pay us a visit.

Our Parent Club also kindly donates some baskets of eggs to Southern Family Life to distribute to families in need.

School Council Parent Representative Ballot
A friendly reminder that the ballot closed today at 4pm.

Bayside Community Resilience Survey
Our school along with other local schools are working with Bayside Council Youth Services and Andrew Fuller, renowned child and youth psychologist, to investigate ways in which communities can build resilience in young people. Interested parents can have a look at The Resilient Youth Australia website which has a range of information about building resilience. http://resilientyouth.org.au/

Snack Shack Signage
Thank you again to the students who provided ideas for the Snack Shack sign and thank you again also to Jenny Dumont for combining the ideas and painting the sign.

Beaumaris North Primary School fete this Saturday
We encourage our families to support the Beaumaris North PS fete this Saturday. We enjoy strong collegial connections with the staff at Beaumaris North. Our fetes are on alternative years as a gesture of goodwill to support the efforts of the fete organisers within each school. We have our fingers crossed for a sunny day.
Whole School Working Bee Sunday March 20th 9-11am
Families are invited to come along and help oil our wooden playground and complete a general tidy up around the school.

Sheryl M. Skewes
Principal

Louise Neave
Assistant Principal

Easter Raffle
Thank you very much for those families who have already donated Easter Eggs for our Easter Raffle. We are also happy to accept any options for wrapping, e.g. cellophane, Easter gift bags or ribbons. Keep your eyes out when doing your groceries - there are many great specials being offered by all the local Supermarkets at the moment. Just a reminder to bring in any donations and to hand in your raffle tickets to the office – please see the ladies in the office if you need any more tickets.

From Parent Club

Easter Drawing Competition
Hello parent and students. We are Samantha and Cassidy, your Visual Arts captains for 2016. For Term 1 we are holding an Easter drawing competition. If you would like to enter, there are tubs outside the art room. One for paper to draw on and one to put your finished work in. The competition started on 22nd February and will end on the 18th March. Winners will be announced on the 24th March at Easter assembly. Good luck and remember to write your name and class on your entry.

Thanks you Samantha and Cassidy.

Beaumaris Primary School Annual Community Sustainability Survey
As part of the modules we are undertaking as a school with ResourceSmart we are required to survey our school community in relation to environmental attitudes and behaviour.
In order to be environmentally friendly, the questionnaire is to be completed online in a program called surveymonkey. By completing this survey, you are providing valuable feedback that will help Beaumaris PS design programs and activities in our school that will help our community reduce our energy consumption and save on energy bills.

Here is the link to the survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/97Q32BF](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/97Q32BF) (If the link does not work, please copy and paste the URL into your browser).

Please complete your survey by FRIDAY 11th MARCH 2016.
We thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey – it should take you no more than 5 minutes to complete.

FROM NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE INCLUDING A WEEKLY ENERGY TIP TO HELP FAMILIES SAVE ENERGY AT HOME. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE TIPS FROM OUR STUDENTS.

DON’T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR BULBS (payment at the office)
HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR GARDEN CLUB

GARDEN CLUB NEEDS YOU!
No Experience Necessary!

THIS FRIDAY 4th MARCH 9am
Meet under the Shade Cloth
The Prep students and teachers would like to welcome Miss Cain (Anthea) to our school. Miss Cain is studying a Masters of Primary Teaching at Melbourne University and will be working in the Prep M classroom at various times throughout the year. Miss Cain has enjoyed getting to know the students and looks forward to meeting many more students and families throughout the year.

In Japan March 3rd is a special day called ‘Hinamatsuri’, also known as Girls Day. This week in Japanese the girls dressed in beautiful kimonos and the boys had to use their very best manners to assist the girls with jobs around the classroom. Please keep an eye out next week in Stop Press for photographs of the Prep P girls dressed in their kimonos.

During Japanese lessons this term students have enjoyed learning many different greetings such as:
- **Konnichi wa** - ‘Hello’
- **Ohayo / Ohayo gozaimasu** - ‘Good Morning’
- **Arigatou** - ‘Thankyou’
- **Mata ashita** - ‘See you tomorrow’
The students have been learning a song with actions to help them remember these greetings. It would be great to practise these greetings at home.

The suspense has been building up. There is a rumour of another beary special event happening soon. The new transactional text we are mastering is ‘invitations’ and someone in the family will be asked to attend a whole cohort lunch on the 9th of March at 12.40pm with their Year One friend. (Hint: someone small, possibly furry and silent.)

There’s even more excitement to come! All Year ones who have brought in their Local Excursion forms will be helping to tidy up the outer perimeter of the school for Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 4th March. We’re also experts at sorting litter from the classrooms and there’s been an impressive commitment to nude food in lunchboxes.

The Year Ones have been highly motivated and engaged in the dramatic play spaces this week. These spaces provide the opportunity to extend vocabulary and grammar as well as improve articulation and listening skills. Super hero glasses have been a hit and a photographer provided evidence of the construction of an awesome boomerang. The origami exploration that started in the Japanese classroom inspired many original creations at the collage tables.

Whew! Time has flown by!
**Year Two**

Tomorrow is Clean Up Australia Day, and the Year 2 students thought they would start a little early by cleaning up in our local area today. To tie in with our Geography focus, we walked to Banksia Reserve on Oak Street and tidied up the area. Well done to all Year 2 students for their enthusiastic approach towards keeping our local area clean and tidy. Next week we will be visiting our local library so if your child does not already have a Bayside library card, please remember to visit the library prior to sign them up.

**Year Three**

We continue to learn about Geography through the immersion activities. This week we were fortunate enough to have Warren visiting all 4 classrooms to give the students an insight into the places he’s visited as a pilot. The students then completed a Venn diagram to explore the similarities and differences and places they have visited. Thank you Warren for helping our students learn about Geography.

**Year Four**

Watch this space................. we are very excited about heading to Arrabri Lodge in Warburton on Monday for our camp. We are especially looking forward to the giant swing and our walk to the river to go gold panning. Next week we will have lots of photos showing you what a fabulous time we have had.

We would love any interested parents to join us on the oval of the Beaumaris Community Centre tomorrow at 9.30am as we participate in Clean Up Australia Day. Please send gardening or rubber gloves to school with your child tomorrow if possible. We are looking forward to making the Beaumaris Community Centre spotless!!!
**Year Five**

What a busy week in Year 5. This week we have been creating a suitcase for our character from the 1800s. This suitcase will contain the artefacts such as diary entries, narratives and letters that will be displayed at our ERP Expo on the 17th of March from 3.30pm-4.30pm. All parents, families and friends are welcome!

Last week the students used what they have learnt through immersion activities and their experience at Sovereign Hill to create a board game reflecting life in the 1800s. On Friday the students had the opportunity to play each other’s board games. It was incredible to see all the different ideas and creativity come together on each individual board game.

The students are very excited for their first ‘Double Header’ in Interschool Sport on Friday. The students will be playing a variety of schools and will be back in the classroom at around 12.30pm. Students are encourage to wear their BPS sport top, hat and apply sunscreen and ensure that they are at school at 8.30am.

**Year Six**

This week the media captains were on the radio on Thursday 3rd March from 8:00am to 9:00am on 88.3 Southern FM. They talked about all different interesting topics and played cool music that is charting now.

On Tuesday, the Year Four, Five and Six district swimmers competed at MSAC in the district competition. They trained very hard last week and all the work absolutely paid off because it was a very successful day!! The medley team was very excited about the first place ribbon that they achieved after the race.

We have started our ERPs this week. We are working hard on challenging ourselves during the creation of our projects.

From the Media Team.
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

Scholastic Book Club
Issue 2 of book club is due back on **Friday 11th March** to ensure books will be delivered before the holidays. Thanks to everyone who used our new LOOP payment system for Scholastic. It is super easy and means books will be delivered more efficiently to your child/ren. All payments are now done online. If you need any help with this new payment system please don't hesitate to contact me: Ness Newell—0424 329 008. lochnessmonst71@hotmail.com. This year Scholastic have changed their catalogues which means all children will receive the same catalogue as it has books for all ages in it. If you need another catalogue for any reason they are always available in the office foyer. Please feel free to help yourself. Due to a few late orders we have now raised $287 from Issue 1!

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**EASTER SPECIAL**

**HOT CROSS BUN OFFER**

Thank you to Bakers Delight in the Concourse who are running a special promotion with us. Buy a six pack of Hot Cross Buns between Wednesday 16 March—Saturday 26 March, using the coupon which will come home on a flyer tomorrow, and Bakers Delight will donate $2 to BPS. The six pack is available in Fruitless, Fruited, Mocha and Chocolate Chip, retailing at $7 each.
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