FROM THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families

Library Opening tomorrow
After many months of planning and preparation the library will reopen tomorrow. Students will visit the library during the day. Parents are invited in after school. The library looks absolutely stunning. Thanks to Sarah Patterson, Geri O’Malley and a wonderful team of parents for all the work that has been done in school time, afterschool hours and on weekends. Thank you to all involved. The effort and support has been truly amazing and the end result is wonderful. Thank you also to Mrs Julia Jones our Library Technician for sorting the book stock including the picture story, fiction, non-fiction and teacher reference books. It has been a huge job but well worth it. Thank you also to our handyman Shane Dawes for the many hours he has spent securing all the installations. Thank you also to past parents Mark Schwarz and Annie To for offering their expertise and products to complete the look.

Our students have a fantastic space to enhance their learning. Library classes will begin next week and borrowing will begin in term two. Classes may continue to walk down to the Beaumaris Library from time to time during the year.

Easter Raffle Funds to support the extension of the chicken enclosure
Thank you to families for their donations to support the Easter Raffle. All funds raised will be used to upgrade and extend the grounds around the chicken enclosure as it needs a new look. Raffle tickets available at the office.

Amart Sports Community Kickbacks Program for BPS
Our school has been selected to participate in the Amart Sports Community Kickbacks Program. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs. All you need to do is join Team Amart, select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You’ll receive access to great member prices and other benefits and the school will receive a 5% credit from everything you spend. Thanks for your support.

Curriculum Day Monday May 30th Student Free Day
School Council has approved our fourth and final curriculum day for the year. Parents are asked to place the date in their calendar. On the day our teachers will be analysing student data and assessments and commencing student report writing.

A friendly request: Please close our gates
Parents visit the school all through the day and it would be a great help to us if the gates could be left closed. Our yard duty teachers close gates when on duty and they would really appreciate it if visitors could the school could close the gates too. Thanks for your assistance.

Working Bee this Sunday 9-11.00am
The weather forecast is great. Our priority is to oil the wooden playground.
Early dismissal at 2.30pm next Thursday
A friendly reminder that the students will be dismissed at 2.30pm next Thursday as it is the last day of term.

Sheryl M. Skewes  
Principal

Louise Neave  
Assistant Principal

Have you applied for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)?
Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their achievements.
The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students  
• $225 for secondary school students

How to Apply
• Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. Applications close 3 June 2016.

School Uniform
In the colder winter months if your child needs to wear an additional outer layer to wear whilst outside at recess and lunchtime, then we are happy for you to source a plain navy sleeveless fleece vest from the likes of Target, Big W or Best & Less. Alternatively we can make a one off order from Primary School Wear who supply our uniforms for one of their Polar Fleece sleeveless vests featuring our embroidered school logo, which cost $47. If you are interested in ordering one of these items please contact the school office.

Art Room
Just a reminder that all students need to have an art smock at school. Some of the paints we use in the art room are oil based and the paint is very difficult to remove from clothing.
A big request please - we are in need of lots of small boxes (e.g. biscuit) and very small boxes (e.g. makeup) for the Prep Art program. Please send along after the holidays.
Thank you, Andrea Fisk and Anna Redlich

The Snack Shack Update
Thank you to all the volunteers who helped in The Snack Shack this term. Without you, we wouldn’t be able to provide this wonderful service. If you would like to volunteer in The Snack Shack next term, please return your volunteer form to the office by tomorrow 18th March. Remember, tomorrow is the last day that The Snack Shack will be open until 18th April. I wish all the students, their families and our staff a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all next term.
Thank you, Ellie Hilton
The following article can be used in your school newsletter or sent home as a letter to parents. Please adapt this letter to include information about your school’s anti-bullying programs, policies or initiatives.

Dear parents

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. Listen calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. Reassure your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all’.

3. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. Visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

6. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.
Hybrid Library OPEN Friday 18th

Students will explore their new Library in Class groups throughout Friday. They will discover that ‘Hybrid’ means ‘combining the best bits’, which is how this Library evolved to feature books, magazines, iPads and an interactive whiteboard together in a fun, safe, creative space.

Visitors welcome after Assembly @ 3.30pm

...a fun new place to CONNECT to information, inspiration and imagination!

EVEN AT LUNCHTIMES FROM TERM 2
LEVEL LOW DOWN
Prep

This week in Prep we have been learning all about patterns! We had lots of fun creating simple patterns with different things like feathers, pom poms, wooden sticks and stickers from our collage area. We have also been talking about the different dot patterns that we can see when we do our subitising.

Year One

Beaumaris pets are a healthy bunch! Having closely watched Dr Chris Brown and Dr Lisa Chimes, the Year 1s are experts at animal health. A guinea-pig in the dramatic play area received several jabs a minute yesterday. We can only assume it had a dreadful illness. There has also been lots of action around the collage tables with Easter chicks being sent into space in elaborate rockets and a lucky few getting sailing lessons in colourful yachts. In Maths we've been skip counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We can rap our numbers like Kanye West thanks to some fun YouTube video resources from Miss Volkov! Our Geography lessons end this week after many interesting discussions on what areas are ‘natural’, ‘built’ or ‘constructed’. We've also been exploring the concepts of ‘Melbourne’, ‘Victoria’ and ‘Australia’. It’s our second last week but there are no signs of anyone slowing down yet!

Year Two

The Year 2 students have focusing on writing recounts in their writing sessions over the last few weeks. They have shown a keen interest and impressive writing skills as they learn to use paragraphs, start with a brilliant beginning, include a mighty middle and finish with an excellent ending. We are publishing some of our writing pieces in the ICT lab and using our typing skills to create a piece of work which will end up our student portfolio.

We are looking forward to visiting our school library next week, but we will not commence borrowing until next term. Some of the Year 2 students shared their predictions on what the refurbished library will look like:
“I think it will be big and have lots of books. I hope it will have some Star Wars books” – Taro
“I hope they have a nice reading area” – Tom
“I think they will paint the walls nicely and I hope there are Elsa and Anna books” – Anna
“I hope there are Ella and Olivia books. It might have some tables” – Olivia M
**Year Three**  
Students have begun the planning process for their very first ERP. This week’s homework was to gather research from home and bring it in to school tomorrow to begin working on their ERP. Students have been assisted at school to choose an interest, link it to a learning intention and describe what they hope to find out. We are extremely excited!

**Year Four**  
We are back from camp and we have been focusing on our geography unit, researching and writing about our local environment including the rain forest we visited on camp and how it has changed over time.

We have also been busy with the Kitchen Garden this week! 4M made ‘yummy’ pesto with fresh basil from the garden. 4F and 4W spent time in the garden picking vegetables, which we weighed, measured and recorded our results in a table. We also presented our produce at assembly last Friday. We are looking forward to making vegetable soup later this week.

**Year Five**  
Year 5 had a very busy end to last week with the triple headers in sport and making final preparations for the History Expo. Congratulations to the girls softball team for winning the local cluster competition without loss. Our historical narratives will take you on journeys through of the lives and times of characters of the 1800s. The Expo today is running from 3:30pm to 4:30pm and we look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

**Year Six**  
This week, the Year 6s are having their ERP presentation, on Friday morning at 9:15am. We have all been working hard to complete our projects. We are inviting all parents and students to the expo and we hope to see you there!!

On Wednesday, our successful medley competitors, had the opportunity to compete at the divisional in Craigieburn for swimming. They all did a fantastic job. They all worked extremely hard as a team and represented Beaumaris Primary School demonstrating great sportsmanship!
FROM OUR PARENT CLUB......

Easter Raffle - Final reminder
A huge thank you to those families who have already donated Easter Eggs for our Easter Raffle. We have lots of eggs already but still need a lot more! The more we have the more prizes to win! The year 6 parents will be wrapping all the prizes next week so please bring your donations to the office asap. Just a reminder to also hand in your raffle tickets to the office – please see the ladies in the office if you need any more tickets. The raffle is drawn next Thursday morning at the special Easter assembly where the Preps will be parading with their Easter bonnets. Good luck in the raffle!
Parent Club

Scholastic
A huge thank you to everyone who ordered books this term. Issue 2 books will be delivered before the end of term. Just a reminder if you missed the cut off date you can still order online with a home delivery option of $4.99. Happy holiday reading!
Ness Newell

Bakers Delight Easter Special Hot Cross Bun Offer
Don’t forget to take advantage of the special promotion Bakers Delight in the Concourse are running with us. Buy a six pack of Hot Cross Buns between Wednesday 16 March and Sat 26 March, using the coupon from the flyer sent home last week (more copies at the office if you have lost yours) and Bakers Delight will donate $2 to BPS. The six pack is available in Fruited, Fruitless, Mocha and Chocolate Chip, retailing at $7 each.
Bakers Delight are open during normal trading hours on Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Sunday. (Store phone: 9589 3140)

Enrol for Term 2
Afterschool Bollywood Dance Classes
Tuesdays 3.30pm-4.30pm
Call Jag on 0423 080 724 or email info@ignitebollywood.com for an application form

Watch Bollywood students perform at Assembly this Friday 18th March...
or attend a FREE Parent Child Bollywood Class on Tuesday 29th March at 3.30pm.