Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you have had a lovely holiday break. The students will be learning many new things this term and getting used to the routines and expectations of Year 1.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Please come and chat to us if you have any questions!

Thank you and kind regards,

Mel Vallance, Anthea Cain and Beth Wilson.

In Mathematics we will be focusing on:

- Place value to 100 and beyond
- Counting, reading and modelling numbers knowledge up to 100 and beyond
- Simple place value (tens, ones)

Measurement and Geometry:

- Calendars reading and creating timetables
- Duration of time (days, weeks, months, years)

Statistics and Probability:

- Collecting and organising data

In English we will be focusing on:

Reading:

- Predicting (what might the story be about? What might happen next in the story?), using picture cues, connecting the text with personal experiences and using punctuation when reading
- Learning more about the CAFÉ reading strategies

Writing genres:

- Transactional texts (letters, lists, invitations, cards) and personal writing (interests, family, experiences, recounts)

Language conventions:

- Full stops, capital letters, and structured sentences

Spelling:

- Based on student needs

Timetable

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Out of Hours School Care - Camp Australia

Students must not be left alone in the schoolyard before 8.45 or after 3.45. If you have to leave your child before or after these times on any day, you must book them into after care, as there is no yard supervision outside these times. The out of hours school program is run through Camp Australia. Bookings need to be made through their website.

Closing of school gates

To assist with student safety and wellbeing, all school gates will be closed at 9.15am until 3.00pm. If you need to enter the school between these times please enter and exit through the office and sign in or out.

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After School Pick Up

If you are going to be late to pick up your child, please ring the office (ph. 95892619) to inform them. In unforeseen circumstances, your child will be escorted to the office at 3.45pm by a teacher or yard duty staff. The office staff will phone you. If your child is going home with a friend or different family member, please remind your child and inform your class teacher.

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Homework:

Reading/ writing at home

Reading should be an enjoyable experience for all family members. Make this a special time where you and your child are not distracted.

It is expected students will read 4-5 times a week and the books be recorded in their reading log.
Take home books are provided and children are also encouraged to borrow books from the school library. Please also make use of our local library. The ‘Reading Trek’ book, where books are logged, is to be returned every book changeover day for the teacher to check.

Writing – please provide your child with writing materials, paper, glue and scissors to use at their leisure. Practise writing shopping lists, birthday cards or notes to friends.

### Nude food lunches

All students are encouraged to bring ‘nude food’ lunches. A nude food lunch has no foil, gladwrap or any other packaging. Please unwrap and throw any rubbish out at home to help us significantly reduce the amount of rubbish scattered throughout our school. A labelled drink bottle containing water is highly encouraged.

Nude food lunch boxes are available to purchase from our school office and most supermarkets have a range of options also. Lunch orders can be ordered through our online system, QKR. Please see the school website for more information.

### School Uniform

Our Beaumaris PS school uniform should be worn correctly and be in good condition. Please ensure all items of clothing are named and check the lost property cupboard near the art room for any missing items.

Please ensure hair longer than shoulder length is tied up and hair accessories are school colours only. Jewellery is not part of the Beaumaris PS school uniform including coloured wrist and ankle bands. Students may only wear small stud earrings. School uniform is worn on excursions.

All students will require a school hat to wear outside until 1st May.

### Communication

- General information and upcoming events are published in *Stop Press*, our school newsletter. A link is emailed out to parents every Thursday and can be accessed via the Beaumaris Primary website. [http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/](http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/) Please ensure you read our Stop Press every week. Links to other notices are also provided online. This link provides important information relating to school management, procedures and dates and highlight our exciting Learning and Teaching programs.

- Please check your child’s seagull pocket of their schoolbag for any notices.

- The Year 1 communication board is located at the entrance/exit to the Year 1 corridor. You will find the current learning intentions, statement of intent and other relevant information for Year 1.

- Teachers will be outside their classrooms from 3.30pm-3.40pm each day so you can informally catch up with them. If you have a specific concern, please make an appointment with the class teacher.

- **REMINDER**: All teachers are required at staff meetings and professional development sessions every Monday and Wednesday from 3.45pm so are unable to meet with you on these days. Teachers are also required at staff briefing every morning at 8:40am. If you wish to make an appointment with your child’s teacher, please email the school office.

- Our ‘Updated’ mobile app and Facebook page will also update parents to daily events and reminders.

### Absences

If your child is absent, you can email the office on [beaumaris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:beaumaris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) or the new link on our website and your class teacher will be alerted to their absence. If not sent through by email, we still require written verification of student absence (not in the student diary). In addition to this, any students leaving the school before 3:30 require an early leaver’s pass to be collected at the office and presented to the classroom teacher. Students must be collected by an adult if leaving the school. Phone: 03 9589 2619

### Birthdays

Children can bring a treat to share on their birthday – nut and egg free please! No lollipops please.

### Parent Helpers

We look forward to having Parent Helpers in Term 2. More information to follow.

### Important dates

- Open classroom afternoon: February 10th February
- Year 1 Information night: Monday 13th February
- Ride to School Day: Friday 17th February
- Year 6 Investiture (whole school assembly): Tuesday 21st February
- School Photos: 6th March
- Labour Day public holiday: Monday 14th March
- End of Term Assembly and Easter Raffle Draw: Friday 31st March
- Term One concludes: Friday 31st March 2.30pm