Welcome back to term 1. We have a fabulous term planned for our year 5 students. We hope you find the information below helpful. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher.

**Timetable**

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**Homework**

- **Reading**: 20 minutes reading a night to be recorded – title, pages read, in diary and signed by parents if possible every day. A range of literature is available in classrooms and our library. Local library visits and reading of a variety of texts e.g. newspapers and online reports is encouraged.
- **Spelling**: Students personalised spelling words will be recorded in their diary at the beginning of each week. Students are encouraged to practise their words throughout the week.
- **Mathletics and Literacy Planet**: Each student has a student log in number. Activities offer both challenge and reinforcement of concepts. Students can explore these sites at home.
- **Homework** will be related to our classroom learning over a weekly or fortnightly timeframe.
- **Diaries**: Are to be submitted every Friday to the class teacher and whenever there is communication between parents/guardians and the teacher.

**Nude food lunches**

Our Sustainability team encourages nude food lunches. If possible please unwrap and throw any rubbish out at home to help us reduce the amount of rubbish scattered throughout our school. Lunch boxes are available from the office, and most supermarkets have a variety of containers.

**School Uniform**

Our Beaumaris PS school uniform should be worn correctly and be in good condition. Hats are to be worn at recess, lunch and in outdoor activities until the 1st of May and again from the 1st of September. We encourage students to apply sunscreen before leaving for school. Extra sunscreen is available in the classroom. Jewellery and nail polish are not part of the Beaumaris PS school uniform (this includes coloured wrist and ankle bands). If wearing earrings, only small studs should be worn. Please ensure all items of clothing are named and check the lost property cupboard near the art room for any missing items. School uniform orders can be placed at the office. Students are required to change into school uniform upon returning from school sports activities, however students using the new general sports uniform will be able to wear it for the rest of the day. Families may be invoiced for any sports uniforms that are not returned promptly by their children.

**Communication**

General information and upcoming events are published in Stop Press. A link for Stop Press is emailed out to parents every Thursday or can be accessed via the Beaumaris Primary website. [http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/](http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/). This link provides important information relating to school management, procedures and dates and highlights our exciting Learning and Teaching programs. Our new Updat-ed app will also alert and remind parents regarding school events. 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 that will take more than a few minutes, please make an appointment with your class teacher. All teachers are required at staff meetings and professional development sessions every Monday and Wednesday from 3.45pm and briefings 8:40-50am, so we would appreciate if appointments can be made at other times.

**Absences**

If your child is absent, please email the office on beaumaris.ps@eduemail.vic.gov.au or use the link on the BPS 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. When leaving during school hours, students must be collected by an adult.

**English**

Through our English program this term we aim to further develop the students’ literacy skills. Our weekly spelling program uses a range of strategies to encourage students to develop their understandings of word structure and meanings. Our writing program will cover narrative text. We will continue to follow the BPS writing process, which involves drafting, editing, revising, and teacher conferencing with an emphasis on publishing. We will be using the VOICES framework to support students to be effective writers. Our reading rotations will provide a range of activities including reading conferences, text response, grammar tasks and guided reading groups to develop skills in the area of comprehension, accuracy, fluency and vocabulary. Students will be encouraged to read a range of texts both at school and daily at home and will experience class novels read aloud. Speaking and listening skills are enhanced through class meetings, presentations and focus student interactions.

**Mathematics**

Mathematics this term will involve a focus on place value and developing problem solving strategies and mathematical reasoning. Students will also cover time concepts during maths and educational research project preparation.

**Personalised learning**

Personalised learning is an exciting philosophy that places the child and their interests at the centre of the curriculum. It ensures authentic and meaningful personalised learning and supports the explicit instruction of English and Mathematics. It promotes active engagement of students working on their own investigations a few sessions a week with a specific subject focus. This term students will be assisted to relate their interests to our subject focus of History. Our HISTORY learning intentions for term 1 are:

1. Investigate the reasons for establishing British colonies in Australia.
2. Explore and describe the lives of people and groups in Australia’s colonial past.
3. Examine and sequence significant events that shaped Australian colonies.
4. Identify and describe aspects of the past that continue to influence the way we live.

**Birthdays**

Students may bring a treat to share for birthdays. No nuts please. Chocolate frogs, Chuppa chups etc. are a great option.

**Mobile phones**

Mobile phones are permitted at school if necessary. The school takes no responsibility for loss or damage. Students are to switch off their phones during school hours, keep them in their bags and adhere to our mobile phone policy and cyber guidelines.

**Sport**

Year 5 and 6 students participate in Sport each Friday and students are required at school at 8:30am, ready to depart at 8:45am. Notices will be sent home about particular sports stating venues and times.

**Important dates.**

- Parent information night Tuesday 23rd February 6:30- 7:30pm
- ERP expo Thursday 17th March 3:30- 4:30pm

Thank you for your support. We invite our families to visit our learning space at any time to see our exciting programs in action! Pip Madden, Joe Lilburne and Grace Hulls