

Year 3&4 Term 1 BPS Parent Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year! We are looking forward to getting to know your child and creating a learning environment and learning experiences that are exciting, purposeful and personalised.

If at any time you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

We hope you find the information below helpful.

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Timetable	School starts: 9.00am and finishes at 3.30pm Recess: 10.40 - 11.10am Lunch: 12.50 - 1.00pm, eating time in class. 1.00 - 1.50pm outside
Before and after school care	Students must not be left alone in the school yard before 8.45am or after 3.45pm. If you have to leave your child before or after these times on any day you must book them into out of hours care as there is no yard supervision.
Closing of school gates	To assist with student safety and wellbeing, all school gates will be closed at 9.15am until 3pm.
Specialist Classes	
<p>ART - Ms Fisk LOTE (Japanese) - Sensi Gall PERFORMING ARTS - Mrs Rothberg P.E. - Mr Lilburne Library is taken by the classroom teacher with the assistance of Julia Jones. ICT sessions taken by classroom teachers. Buddy reading with Preps - times TBC</p>	
Homework	<p>Homework is sent home Tuesday and due back the following Friday, (fortnightly) unless otherwise stated. Homework will consist mainly of: *daily reading to promote appreciation of different texts and authors and build on students' confidence in their reading ability *practise of mental math to improve student proficiency in making calculations in their minds *tasks to investigate or apply knowledge related to all learning. Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day. Tips: Listening to your child read at home is a good way of supporting your child's reading. Talk about books, read together and make reading an enjoyable, shared activity. We encourage you to play a variety of spelling games with your child to build on word knowledge and spelling skills. We also encourage you to play a variety of number fluency games to help your child build quick recall of addition & subtraction facts to 100 and quick recall of multiplication facts and related division facts. Sharing/reflection of the homework task will generally occur in class on the due date of the given task.</p>
Student Diary	<p>Student diaries should be at school every day. Students are required to note home reading in their diaries and any important school events.</p>
Birthdays	Children can bring a treat to share on their birthday - No nuts please!
Nude food lunches	<p>All families are encouraged to prepare nude food lunches. Please unwrap and throw any rubbish out at home to help us reduce the amount of rubbish at school. PLEASE ensure all containers are clearly labelled!</p>
School Uniform	<p>Hats are to be worn during recess and lunch until the 1st of May and again from the 1st of September. Jewellery is NOT part of our school uniform. Hair accessories are to be school colours of yellow, blue or white only. Please ensure all items of clothing are named and check the lost property cupboard for any missing items.</p>

<p>Communication</p>	<p>General information and upcoming events are published in <u>Stop Press</u>. A link is emailed out to parents every Thursday or can be accessed via the Beaumaris Primary website. http://www.beaups.vic.edu.au/</p> <p>Please be sure to check our Year 3 Communication Board located outside the Year 3 area. 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.</p> <p>REMINDER: All teachers are in class with their students at 9am and are required at staff briefings each morning from 8.45. Staff meetings and professional development sessions are held every Monday and Wednesday from 3.45pm so please avoid these times.</p>
<p>Absence</p>	<p>If your child is absent, you can email the office on beaumaris.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone on 9589 2619 and your class teacher will be alerted of their absence.</p>
<p>Curriculum</p>	<p>Students will participate in engaging learning experiences related to our fortnightly learning intentions. The fortnightly Statement of Intent is posted on the year level Communication Board and can be accessed online.</p> <p>This term in Numeracy there will be a focus on number fluency and place value. In Literacy, the students will be involved in a variety of reading experiences building reading strategies. Our writing focus will be on procedural and narrative texts. Students work on spelling activities to develop phonological awareness, graphophonic knowledge, morphemic and etymological knowledge.</p> <p>As an extension of our Start-Up program we will continue to build on personal and interpersonal skills through the Resilience Project Curriculum sessions.</p> <p>This term our subject focus is Design and Technologies. Throughout the term the students will participate in a number of activities, in-school visits and/or excursions that link to our subject focus.</p>
<p>NAPLAN dates - Year 3 students</p>	<p>Term 2 Week 5, Tuesday 15th- Thursday 17th of May.</p>
<p>Personalised Learning & Education Research Projects</p>	<p>The classroom communication board plays a vital role in the Year 3-6 area and students are encouraged to view the communication board at the commencement of each day to check for timetabling, subject focus learning intentions, class meeting agenda items, the focus student roster, affirmations, the Statement of Intent and clinic groups.</p> <p>Each morning we begin with tuning-in for the day (15-20mins) where we welcome and highlight the learning for day and have conversations with focus students linked to their learning. At the end of the day we reflect on our learning for the day (5-10mins) and again have conversations with the focus students about their learning.</p> <p>Students showcase their work related to the current subject focus in the form of an Education Research Project. Expo dates TBC.</p>
<p>Year 3 and 4 important dates</p>	<p>Year 3-Camp Oasis Mount Evelyn www.oasis.asn.au Monday 12th&Tuesday 13thof November. Year 4- Arrabri Lodge Warburton March 26th-28th www.arrabri.com.au Year 4- Swimming Trials Thursday 8th February</p>