Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2015, we hope you have had a lovely break and both you and your children are refreshed and ready to begin the New Year. This term will be very busy with lots of learning and getting used to the routines and expectations in Year 2.

We are excited to welcome Teddy, Catriona, Maddi, Edward, Elliott, Hailey, Ayla and their families to Year 2 at Beaumaris Primary this year. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

If you have any other queries or concerns please see your classroom teacher for clarification.

Thank you, Beth Wilson, Catherine Churchward, Megan Chudleigh and Alysha Morecroft

In Mathematics we will be focusing on:

**Number:**
- Place value knowledge up to 1000 and beyond
- Skip counting patterns
- Explore the connection between addition and subtraction

**Measurement and Geometry:**
- Order several shapes and objects based on length, area, volume and capacity using appropriate uniform informal units
- Calendars
- Time

**Statistics and Probability:**
- Data collection, organisation and presentation

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
- our CAFÉ strategies (comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expanding vocabulary)
- making a mental image (visualisation)
- recognising the main ideas in a story

**Writing genres:**
- Transactional texts (letters, lists, invitations, cards) and personal writing (interests, family, experiences)

**Language conventions:**
- conjunctions, time connectives, question marks, nouns, verbs, adjectives and commas

**Spelling:**
- based on student needs

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**Timetable**

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**School starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.30pm (Recess 10.40am – 11.10am and Lunch 1.00pm – 1.50pm) Students are given time to eat their food, prior to going outside to play.**

Students must **not** be left alone in the school yard 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.

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 taken 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.

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

**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.

**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 related 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 2 communication board is located near the drinking taps outside Miss Morecroft’s room. You will find the current learning intentions, statement of intent and other relevant information for Year 2.
- 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.
- **REMININDER:** 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 8:45am.
- Our ‘Konnective’ 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 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!

**Parent Helpers**

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

**Important dates for the diary!**

- School Photos: Monday 2nd March
- School Bush Dance: Friday 6th March, 5.30pm
- Labour Day public holiday: Monday 9th March
- Curriculum Day: Tuesday 10th March
- Ride to School Day: Friday 13th March
- End of Term Assembly and Easter Raffle Draw: Friday 27th March 9am
- Term One concludes: Friday 27th March at 2.30pm