

Newsletter- Term 3 Year 6 -2018

Our subject focus for this term is Science. We will continue using a rotations system to deliver course content, where students will get to work with all teachers across the level. We will begin training for athletics in all track and field events so the students are prepared for the House Athletics Day in week 4. The musical is always a major focus for Year 6 in Term 3. Our performance this year is 'Lion King Jr'. The musical is a huge event and we ask for parental assistance with costume making, props in the lead up to the performance and makeup for the dress rehearsal and on the two performance nights. Please contact your class teacher or Mrs. Rothberg if you are able to assist in any way. We are looking forward to a spectacular show! We hope Term 3 will be a productive and fun experience for our students.

Timetable	<p>School starts at 9.00am Recess 10.40 – 11.10 Lunch - 12.50pm – 1.00pm (eating time). 1.00pm – 1.50pm Dismissal-3.30 Punctuality is extremely important and students who are late in the morning must present their teacher with a Late Pass which can be obtained from the office.</p>					
Out of Hours School Care -Camp Australia	<p>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.</p>					
Closing of school gates	<p>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.</p>					
Specialists		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	9:00	6C-PA 6F-ART 6J-JAPANESE 6M-PE				Athletics Training
	9:50	6C-JAPANESE 6F-PE 6J-PA 6M-ART				
	10:40	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess	Recess
	11:10				6C-ART 6F-PA 6J-PE 6M-JAPANESE	
	12:00				6C-PE 6F-JAPANESE 6J-ART 6M-PA	
	1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	1:50		6F- Library 6M- ICT	6C-ICT 6J-Library		Whole School Sustainability
	2:40		6F- ICT 6M-Library	6C- Library 6J-ICT		3:00pm Assembly
Homework	<p>Reading-20 minutes reading a night to be recorded – title, pages read, in diary and signed by parents weekly. 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. Mathematics/Reading express- each student has a student log in number. Activities offer both challenge and reinforcement of concepts. Additional homework will be related to our classroom focus over a weekly or fortnightly timeframe. Diaries are to be submitted every Friday to the class teacher.</p>					
Nude food lunches	<p>Our school strongly encourages nude food lunches as part of our sustainability practice. Please leave any wrappings and rubbish out at home to help us significantly reduce the amount of rubbish which goes into landfill and also can end up scattered throughout our school. Supermarkets and variety stores have a wide range of suitable lunchboxes and containers.</p>					
School Uniform	<p>Our Beaumaris PS school uniform should be worn correctly and be in good condition.</p>					

	<p>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.</p> <p>Shoulder length must be tied back at all times.</p> <p>Jewellery is not part of the Beaumaris PS school uniform including coloured wrist and ankle bands.</p> <p>Small stud earrings only should be worn.</p> <p>Please ensure all items of clothing are named and check the lost property cupboard near the art room for any missing items.</p> <p>School uniform orders can be placed at the office.</p> <p>Students are required to change into school uniform upon returning from school sports activities.</p> <p>Families may be invoiced for any sports uniforms that are not returned promptly by their children.</p>
<p>Communication</p>	<p>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/. This link provides important information in relation to school management, procedures and dates and highlights our exciting Learning and Teaching programs. 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 the 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.</p>
<p>Absences</p>	<p>To notify us of student absences, either on the day due to illness or in advance for family holidays, parents/guardians are asked to complete a Parent Attendance Note through Compass or ring the school office prior to 8.30am to report their child being absent from school. If neither of these actions is taken before 9.30am on the day of absence our SMS notification system will send out an automatic student absence SMS to the parents of any student marked with an unexplained absence.</p> <p>If your child arrives late to school for any reason, please sign your child in at the office and obtain a Late Arrival Pass. The student will hand this to their classroom teacher. Parents are required to sign your child out at the office and obtain an Early Leaver's Pass at the office when collecting a child at any time other than dismissal time. The pass must then be taken to the classroom and given to the teacher, prior to the child being taken from the classroom.</p>
<p>English</p>	<p>Through our English program this term we aim to further develop the students' literacy skills. Our weekly spelling program will encourage students to develop their understandings of word structure, meanings and origins by applying a variety of strategies.</p> <p>Our writing program will cover procedure and explanation report text types. We will continue to follow the BPS Writing Process, which involves drafting, editing, revising, and teacher conferencing with an emphasis on publishing various texts. We will also use the 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' isolate writing skills into individual steps ensuring students don't get 'bogged down' with writing the whole piece. They gain confidence in each building block, and then they pull it all together to become creative and engaging writers. We will continue to focus on enhancing writing through the correct use of punctuation and language conventions such as correct use of apostrophes and homophones.</p> <p>Through reading we will conduct conferences, complete reading journals, and develop skills in the area of comprehension, accuracy, fluency and extending vocabulary. Through our subject focus of Science, we will be incorporating visual literacy activities such as clips of experiments and the process of scientific inquiry. Students will be encouraged to read a range of texts daily, both at school and at home. In addition we will be reading a variety of texts which will link with our Subject Focus of Science.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>Mathematics this term – Students will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select and apply efficient mental and written strategies and appropriate digital technologies to solve problems involving multiplication and division with whole numbers • Multiply decimals by whole numbers and perform divisions by non-zero whole numbers where the results are terminating decimals, with and without digital technologies • Multiply and divide decimals by powers of 10 • Multiply decimals by whole numbers and perform divisions by non-zero whole numbers where the results are terminating decimals, with and without digital technologies • Investigate and calculate percentage discounts of 10%, 25% and 50% on sale items, with and without digital technologies • Introduce the Cartesian coordinate system using all four quadrants • Construct simple prisms and pyramids • Investigate on a straight line, angles at a point and vertically opposite angles. Use results to find unknown angles • Describe probabilities using fractions, decimals and percentages <p>Conduct chance experiments with both small and large numbers of trials using appropriate digital technologies.</p>

Personalised learning

The Walker Learning Approach is an exciting pedagogy that places the child and their interests at the centre of the curriculum. It ensures authentic and exciting personalised learning and supports the explicit instruction of English and Mathematics. It promotes the active engagement of students while they work on their own investigations during two or three sessions a week with a specific subject focus. This term students will be assisted to relate their interests to our subject focus of Science. Our Science learning intentions for term 1 are to:

For the students to:

Understandings
 Understand that energy can generate electricity and be transferred or transformed
 Understand that light creates shadows and can be absorbed, reflected and refracted
 Investigate scientific discoveries, inventions and understandings that inform decisions and solve problems

Skills
 Plan and design scientific investigations with constants and variables
 Collect data to test hypothesis and describe relationships and patterns
 Analyse data and suggest improvements to the method

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.

Interschool Sport

This term Year 4, 5 and 6 students will participate in the House Athletics Carnival and may go on to represent the school in the District Athletics

Important dates.

- 16th July- First day of term
- 16th July- Information session for Minato Ku host families @ 6pm
- 24th-29th July- Minato Ku visit
- 25th July- Japan Australia Day
- 26th July host families to visit Zoo
- 31st July 100 days of Prep- activity with grade 6 buddies
- 1st August Science workshop 1
- 2nd August Alumni night (TBA)
- 7th August Science workshop 2
- 17th August House Athletics
- 29th August Year 6 Science Expo
- 30th August Father's Day stall
- 31st August Father's Day breakfast
- 3rd-7th September- E Smart Week
- 10th September- Dress rehearsal
- 11th September – District Athletics
- 12th and 13th September- Year 6 Musical
- 18th September- Family Life evening session
- 21st September- Last day of term