

28 May 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UNIFORM SHOP

TUESDAY 2 JUNE 3.15 – 3.45PM

Beaumaris North Primary School

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

MONDAY 8 JUNE

Public Holiday

WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 14 JUNE

Beaumaris North Primary School

MUSIC SOIREE

TUESDAY 16 & THURSDAY 18 JUNE 6.20PM

Multi-Purpose Room

YEAR 6 EXHIBITION

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE

Senior Learning Centre

LAST DAY OF TERM

FRIDAY 26 JUNE EARLY DISMISSAL 2.30PM

Beaumaris North Primary School

Principal's Report

Generation Next Conference

Dr Clifford recently attended the Generation Next Conference. This annual conference is for teachers, psychologists and health professionals and focuses on the mental health and wellbeing of our children. Dr Clifford attended on our behalf and is now sharing her knowledge with the staff.

Carol Ann had the privilege of hearing Rosie Batty open the conference and was shocked by the sobering statistics that Ms Batty discussed: at the current time, 2 women each week in Australia are killed in a domestic violence incident and 1 in 3 people (adults and children) are affected by domestic violence. These statistics apply to all and are not dependent on suburb, postcode or profession. Ms Batty encouraged the audience to begin teaching even very young children about 'respectful relationships' and reminded the audience that school forms part of "the training ground for life" and of the powerful influence they could have on shaping the next generation's attitudes and behaviours.

Dr Clifford has explained to our staff how gratitude is one of the most robust predictors of future wellbeing at the moment. Dr Jeffrey Froh is the most respected researcher in this area and his studies have shown that gratitude is linked to life satisfaction and school engagement. He has found that as gratitude goes up, materialism goes down and as gratitude goes down, mental health issues go up.

A final take home message from the conference was the idea that if you wanted to positively influence your children's current and future wellbeing, you should "spend twice as much time with them and half as much money". Definitely food for thought and we will be discussing how we can continue to improve wellbeing in our school by incorporating these themes into our learning.

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Thank-you to our Parent Community and Cheltenham Pharmacy First

Thank-you to Tania Watts-Hall who submitted an application on behalf of our school for a Community Grant. Cheltenham Pharmacy First have approved a contribution of \$1500 to be spent towards purchasing a whole school anti-bullying program. With the assistance and kindness of the Parents' Club who have donated \$900, the school will be purchasing the Second Step Bullying Prevention Kit. Cheltenham Pharmacy First will be presenting Beaumaris North Primary School with the cheque at the end of Term Assembly.



Beaumaris North Primary School has just signed up to Compass

Compass is a consolidate set of products and services that have been created, designed, tweaked and enhanced based on the ongoing and continual feedback of thousands of teachers and educational leaders.

Compass was designed in 2010 and was established with three key goals:

- *Improving home-school communication
- *Consolidating and reducing the number of disconnected third party applications,
- *Providing teachers and students with a modern set of web tools that enable the use of the latest technologies in the classroom and at home.

Compass is totally Australian owned and only available to Government schools. Compass is in the unique position of being hosted within the VICSMART network, of dedicated fibre network set up by the Victorian government for the exclusive use of public schools.

Members of School Council had the opportunity to view this tool at last night's meeting.

The roll out of this new platform will be gradual throughout semester 2, 2015.

Save the date

***Working Bee** - Sunday June 14, 2 shifts 9-12 12-3pm

Sausage sizzle, camaraderie, laughter & seeing the fruits of you labour.

***2016 School Fete** - 19 March, 2016

Sherril Duffy

Principal

Visual Art

This is Aria and Daniel from Foundation B creating an African Hut collage in Visual Art. They have created their own patterned papers with poster paint and oil pastels. They both did an amazing piece of art.



Year 5 & 6 Recreation Class

For the past two Fridays, as part of Interschool Sport, our Recreation group has been lucky enough to experience some yoga techniques with Vic Crombie from Yogabeen.



Vic taught the students some basic principles on mindfulness, strategies to calm the mind and body and how to go about doing that with the breath and yoga postures. We worked through different poses for strength and flexibility and even had a lie down with some meditation and reflection.

Do You Know?

Do you know you can email questions and feedback about BNPS at any time?

communication@beaumarisnorthtps.vic.edu.au

Do you know what the acronym PCO stands for?

Principal Class Officer. We have three Principal Class Officers at BNPS:

Principal - Mrs Sherril Duffy



Assistant Principal - Mrs Moira Simpson



Assistant Principal - Mrs Robyn Morecroft



Do you know that dates of important events have been listed under the Konnective 'Events' tab – everything from Open Classrooms and Carols Night to Curriculum Days and Sports Days?

Smartphone Users: Open the Konnective App and select Menu>Events. Tap on a specific event to view all details. Events can be sent to your phone calendar by tapping on the specific event, followed by the calendar icon (top right hand corner of your screen) and then selecting 'Add to Calendar'.

Website Users: Log in to Konnective at <https://www.konnective.com.au/konnective/login.html> and click on the 'Events' tab. Click on a specific event to view all details.

Those yet to register: See <http://www.beaumarisnorthtps.vic.edu.au/pi-konnective.htm>

Sabres Basketball Clinic

For years 3-6

For the next two weeks as part of our PE program we are lucky enough to have an American Basketballer, Junior, come out from the Sabres and teach the students some fundamental basketball skills.



Junior is from North Carolina and has played top level basketball in seven different countries as well as running his own business in the states as a personal basketball coach. Each year level got to experience ball handling skills, fitness ladder drills and mini games like dribble knockout and number ball. The students really enjoyed the interaction and the elite skills that Junior had to offer. Mrs O'Brien was bamboozled by his extraordinary height and shoe size!



Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom.

The Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors; excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.



CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is \$125.00.

How to Apply

Contact our Office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

Lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

No late applications.

NOTICES SENT HOME THIS WEEK

- Foundation Newsletter Week 7 Term 2

Copies of all notices sent home can be found on our website at:

<http://www.beumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/general-notices.htm>

Interview with Mrs Kirsty Hall

By Alfie 2A and Ben 2B

Who is your soccer team?

My favourite soccer team is Arsenal.

Have you got children?

I have 3 children - Archer, Woodley and Nathaniel.

Why do you like teaching us?

I love running around the oval and having fun.

What is your favourite netball team?

The Vixens of course!

What's your footy team?

I barrack for Collingwood.

What's your favourite sport?

Touch footy. I used to play for Victoria.

What's your favourite colour?

Yellow, like the bright sun!

What's your basketball team?

Brisbane Bullets. My brother used to play for them.



INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

- Feedback and Action!
- SchoolMate
- Athletics

Feedback and Action!

In line with our commitment to communication and engagement, this year we have introduced a 'Feedback Box' (located in the foyer) and invited questions/feedback from parents in the school yard and via the Konnective 'Respond Now' feature. Here is a summary of the questions/feedback and **ACTION** to date!

QUESTION/FEEDBACK	ANSWER/ACTION
Parking and the 'Two Minute Zone' are a real problem.	School Council is preparing a letter to Bayside Council regarding this issue.
I wasn't happy with the school photos this year.	A survey has been sent out via Konnective to find out what other parents think of their photos. Feedback will be passed on to the photo company and will be used to determine which company we use next year.
I would like to be able to email any questions or feedback that I may have.	An email account has been created for this purpose: communication@beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au This address can also be accessed from the 'Contact Us' page on our website.
Please run an after school sports program regularly to assist working parents.	An AFL Football Clinics 'expression of interest' form has been sent out so that we can get this up and running.
Could the drinking tap outside 5A classroom (on McDonald St) be cleaned?	Absolutely - done!
My Foundation child is having trouble reaching the bubblers and toilet door latch.	This has been referred to the Foundation Team for monitoring.
When will the results of the Konnective survey be available?	The results of the survey were sent home at the beginning of May and can be accessed from our homepage under "News & Events". All notices sent home are loaded to our 'General Notices' page (link on homepage) because we understand that not all notices make it home!

QUESTION/FEEDBACK	ANSWER/ACTION
Occasionally my child mentions that someone other than their usual teachers and assistant/s works in their classroom – who would this be?	From time-to-time teachers have a Student Teacher working with them and some students receive the support of an external allied healthcare professional e.g. Occupational Therapist. There may also be volunteers who read with the children.
I used to receive the Parents' Club minutes but now I don't.	Processes have been put into place to ensure that ALL registered Parents' Club members (not just Committee members) are once again receiving minutes.

SchoolMate

The Department with the help of Victoria's teaching associations has created an App for parents to help them become more involved in their children's education. SchoolMate is available for free download in the App Store or Google Play now. The App;

*Shows parents what their children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victoria curriculum (AusVELS)

*Provides parents with tips regarding what they can do at home to help their kids in the best way possible.

*Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.



Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Foundation to Year 10.

Mathletics



Congratulations to **4A** who topped the Mathletics Awards this week with a total of **19** awards! They are the worthy recipients of this week's Mathletics Achievement Award.

Congratulations also go out to the following students who earned at least 5000 Participation Points this week:

- Henry G - 6444 FC
- Freya W - 5148 1A
- Harvey R - 8717 1B
- Siddarth S - 5031 1B
- Matthew R - 10301 1E
- Alannah W - 5080 1E
- Ashley D - 6121 2A
- Finnegan G - 7378 2B
- Oliver F - 5483 2B
- Lahiru AG - 5060 2B
- Taylor H - 5189 2C
- William H - 5120 3A
- Ilija C - 5099 3A
- Natalia H - 5050 3B
- Jackson C - 5043 3B
- Sebastien K - 5653 3C
- Oden H - 12479 4A
- Jeremy R - 5109 4A
- Nathaniel K - 5317 4B
- Isabella W - 5280 4D

Each week the children who earn at least 5000 Participation Points will go into the running to take hold of the Super Mathlete Trophy which they will get to enjoy for the next seven days in class.

This week's lucky recipient is **Oden H** from **4A**!

Just a reminder that *every* child who achieves 1000 Participation Points or more in a week will be celebrated in their classroom.

Who knows? Perhaps next week it could be YOUR name in the newsletter!