

The Beacon



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Dear Beaconsfield Primary School community,

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust you all had a wonderful holiday and are well and truly back to reality by now!

Staffing

A big thank you to Melissa Hopkins who stepped up into the Deputy Principal role for Term 1. Her hard work was appreciated by all staff. Melissa has returned to a classroom role in addition to her work as an EAL/D consultant at Statewide Services. We are currently in the middle of a recruitment process for a full time Deputy and we will introduce the successful candidate at a later date. We are lucky to have Julie Bassett continue in her role of Deputy Principal on Thursday and Friday.

We also acknowledge the hard work of Craig Baker who undertook the Physical Education role in Term 1. We are grateful for his leadership and organisation of the Faction Swimming Carnival. Craig has opted to devote additional time to his other job as 'dad' and we look forward to seeing him around the school in a relief capacity. Peter Jakob has extended his leave and we welcome Ray Palermo into the role for Term 2. The staff looks forward to working with him to organise the cross-country event and winter sports carnival.

NAPLAN Online

Next week, our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN. Other than the year 3 writing component, all tests will be conducted online. Students and teachers have been preparing for this event to ensure we have the technological requirements to accommodate the testing. We have some flexibility with the timetabling, as NAPLAN online schools can conduct their testing over two weeks. Our schedule for testing is as follows:

Upcoming Events

May 14

9am – 10:30am
Beaconsfield Playgroup

May 15

NAPLAN writing test

May 16

NAPLAN reading test
Board Meeting 5:30pm

May 17

NAPLAN language
conventions test

May 18

Assembly – Year 2, Room 4

May 21

NAPLAN Numeracy test

May 22

Futurist Fair STEM
workshop
P&C Meeting

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May	Friday 18 May	Monday 21 May	Tuesday 22 May – Friday 24 May
9:10 -10:20	Year 3 and Year 5 Writing	Year 3 Reading	Year 5 Language Conventions	Rest day and catch up testing	Year 3 Numeracy	Catch up testing
11:20 – 12:30		Year 5 Reading	Year 3 Language		Year 5 Numeracy	

City of Cockburn Youth Anzac Parade

On April 11, our Year 6 students represented our school at the City of Cockburn Youth Anzac Parade. They participated in a moving service and our two school captains laid a beautiful wreath on behalf of the school.

Thank you to those members of our community who joined us for our Anzac service.



Fathering Project Camp

The camp was a huge success. Students and dads agreed it was a lot of fun and a great bonding experience. The weather was perfect for camping, swimming and cycling and the group got to have breakfast at the Rottnest Island School Campus. All families involved happily shared the responsibilities which ignited community spirit.

Mums also seemed to appreciate the weekend!

A big thank you to all involved and in particular to the following dads who were instrumental in organising the event: Gabe Hammond, Tim Brazier, Ewan Roberts, Dan Coffey, Ben Wilson, John Mocilac, Luke McFarlane and Ruben Hawkhead.



Year 6 Camp

Last week I had the pleasure of joining our happy campers at Woodman Point for dinner and bed time. Camp provided a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 students to work together across a variety of activities such as archery and rock-wall climbing. It was great to see the students bond over dinner each night. They had a fantastic time and I want to acknowledge Janette Tuttle for her tireless energy and organisation which allowed the camp to run smoothly for everyone. I would also like to pass on a big thank you to Brett Morellini and Leonie Femia, who joined in the fun for the three days. A special mention goes to Lauren Osborne who made a guest appearance on Thursday night as a 'Red Faces' judge. There were many tired students (and teachers) on Friday afternoon!

Kirsten Dicker

Principal
11 May 2018

SCHOOL NEWS

Beaconsfield Primary Anzac Service

Beaconsfield Primary held its Anzac Service on Tuesday the 1st of May. It was attended by students from Pre-Primary to Year Six. Also present were parents, local politicians and a representative from our Regional Education Office.

Veteran, Mr Malcom Small, Vice President of the Cockburn RSL Sub-branch gave a poignant address.

The BPS Choir performed 'A Song of Peace', a beautiful song written by our Music Specialist Ms Mulligan.



I would like to pass on a big thank you to the staff and students who had a role in presenting the event and to the all who participated for being such a respectful audience.

Julie Bassett

Deputy Principal



Fathering Project Camp

The Fathering Project is an organisation founded by Perth Doctor Bruce Robertson. The intention is to improve fathers relationships with their children, help father figures get connected with positive parents, and to highlight and act on the strong causal link between good fathering and the reduction in harmful behaviours such as suicide, self-harm and substance abuse in children.

We started a Beaconsfield Primary School chapter of the Fathering Project in the beginning of 2017, and had a highly successful 'camp out' at school with the dads and kids.



Other activities for 2017 included a Dads night out, a Dads and kids Father's Day soccer match & breakfast and finally a 'learn to windsurf day'.



The Rottnest Island Campus is part of Beaconsfield Primary School, and we always wanted to make the most of this.

The goal became a reality with the inaugural Beaconsfield Primary School Fathering Project Rottnest Island Camp in April 2018!!

We had 85 children and 52 dads visit the island for a weekend of camping fun, bike exploration and unique Rottnest activities.

The kids had some magnificent experiences, and got up 'close and personal' with the campground, the school, some pirates and of course, some quokkas. The dads forged friendships and had excellent quality time with their children.

A big thank you to Denise and the Rottnest Island Foundation, and also to Kirsten Dicker, Principal of Beaconsfield Primary School for your enthusiasm and support.

We have created momentum to have an even bigger event next year.

Thanks

Gabe Hammond

Pyjama Day

Thank you to all those students who spent the day very comfortably in their pyjamas. The school raised \$334.25 towards the Year 6 end of year gift to the school.

Parent Volunteers for MultiLit

As part of our whole school approach to literacy, we are in the process of co-ordinating a literacy support program called MultiLit. This program has been implemented successfully in the school in previous years. We are seeking expressions of interest from our community members who are in a position to give up a couple of hours each week. Prior to commencement, volunteers will be trained in the delivery of the program. This will be followed with the opportunity to watch a few sessions until you feel confident.

If you (or maybe a family member) would be interested in becoming a trained volunteer, or if you have any further queries please contact Kerry Kelton, Learning Support Coordinator on 9430 7055.

Never Stop Reading

[Recent research by literacy expert Dr Margaret Merga](#) found that over half of parents stop reading aloud with their children once they begin to start reading for themselves. This happens even though children enjoy it well beyond their early years of schooling.

Reading aloud with your child throughout their primary school years has significant, positive effects on their learning and reading skills. Listening to your child as you read together also builds their social skills and confidence as they engage with you, and the quality time that you spend with them raises their mood and sense of wellbeing.

Not only that, your child will simply enjoy reading to you, and having you read to them. They won't ever forget the special moments they had reading and sharing stories with you – and you won't either.

Give your child the best start for a life of learning and discovery. Never Stop Reading!

More information and suggestions for reading with your child can be found at:

education.wa.edu.au/neverstopreading

Maths Murder Mystery Monday 28th May 4 – 6pm

The event which is part of the Alcoa Maths Enrichment Program is open to all parents and students however the target audience is Years 3 to 6.

As part of the evening, there will be an information session in room 13 for parents and students involved in the programme (Rooms 13, 15 & 16). More information will be available closer to the date.

CLASSROOM NEWS

Rottnest News Week 2

Rottnest students were involved in the Dawn Service on Anzac Day. Parents brought the students to school the day before and gathered gum leaves and rosemary from the school garden. Everyone helped to make a wreath, which we laid during the Dawn Service the next morning.



Anzac Cookie Decorating

After the ceremony, our campus set up a 'Cookie-icing Station' on the Heritage Common. It was bedlam!



TV stars ★

In our first week back, we were approached by Channel 7, to ★ feature in the Sunrise Weather segment – another early rise! We are fast becoming almost as famous as the Quokkas on the island. 😊 Afterwards, we had a well-earned breakfast at school.

Year 6 Camp 2018



From the 2nd to the 4th of May the Year 6 class in room 12 went to Woodman Point Recreation Camp for an amazing three day camp. We were involved in many leadership activities such as team raft building, search and rescue and many more!

Many students loved the search and rescue activity, where we were instructed to find critical military supplies from around Woodman Point. We had radios to communicate with the other team and mission control and an added concern - blue baddies who tried to stop us from finding the military supplies.

All in all, the camp was an amazing part of our year and a very memorable experience for our whole lives.

I would also like to thank Mrs Tuttle, Ms Leonie, Ms Dicker and Mr Morellini for making this possible for us to have this amazing experience and to make the right decision for amazing food!

Written by Alex A on behalf of Year 6 Room 12



A Knitting Club is Opening....

The club starts Monday 14/5/2018, at lunch time in the undercover area, nineteen members have joined so far. You can bring your own knitting needles and wool. If you don't have any, we can provide some. If you don't know how to knit, we will teach you! Come and join us for a fun activity to do with your friends. So don't forget to join!



Connor and Lexi Year 3 Room 19

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fun Languages for Little Linguists

Come & join our friendly educators for lots of GREAT activities to learn French a **FUN & EASY** way, in a friendly, stress free atmosphere.

FUN FRENCH CLUBS
(3-5 yrs / 6-10 yrs)

Cottesloe, Swanbourne, Subiaco, Beaconsfield
Everyone welcome - from complete beginners to advanced

The LCF Fun Languages method has been specially designed for children to **start from scratch** & make their way to proficiency at their own pace. Our clubs are also appropriate for children who already know the language & would like to reinforce their knowledge by practicing with a native speaker.

Our method focuses on **interaction & communication** - you will be amazed at how quickly the children are able not only to **understand** but also to **SPEAK** French.

Our lessons include :

- music & songs,
- lively & quiet games,
- indoor & outdoor activities
- masks, dress-ups, role-play,
- crafts, activity sheets.

Perth manager : Vanessa
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FB : Fun Languages Perth

6-10 yrs :
- complete beginners **NEW in Term 2**, Swanbourne, Friday 3.30pm-4.15pm, everyone welcome
- intermediate, Swanbourne, Monday 4.30pm-5.15pm and Thursday, everyone welcome
- advanced, Swanbourne, Monday 3.30pm-4.30pm, everyone welcome
- beginners / intermediate : North Cottesloe PS, Wednesday 3.15pm-4pm // Hollywood PS : Monday 3.15pm-4pm // Subiaco PS : Wednesday 3.15pm-4pm / Beaconsfield PS Monday 3.15pm-4pm

3-5 yrs:
- complete beginners **NEW in Term 2**, Swanbourne, Monday 10.30am-11.15am
- intermediate / advanced, Swanbourne, Wednesday 10am-10.45am and Saturday 9.30am-10.15am

2-3 yrs : initiation to French, Swanbourne, Monday, 9.15am-10am
12m-2yrs : **NEW** initiation to MUSIC & French (with instruments).

PLAYGROUP WA & BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE

Beaconsfield Playgroup

WHEN: Mondays during the school term
TIME: 9:00am to 10:30am
WHERE: Beaconsfield Primary School
BRING: A hat, water bottle and a piece of fruit to share

At playgroup you can have fun playing with your child, meet other parents and familiarise your child with the school environment ready for future school years.

For more information or to register your interest email: beaconsfield.ps@education.wa.edu.au or phone: 9430 7055

Playgroup WA (Inc)

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