

# The Beacon



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Dear parents and caregivers

I am very proud of our staff's dedication to our students and their commitment to ensuring there are multiple opportunities throughout the term for students to showcase their talents and try new things. Over the last fortnight we have had Science Week, Interschool Cross Country carnival, choir excursion to St Paul's and Book Week. None of this would be possible without staff who are willing to give that little bit more to organise, schedule, coordinate and run. I want to recognise the work of Beaconsfield Primary teachers and support staff and thank them for their ongoing efforts.

It was wonderful to see the array of book characters at our annual Book Week Parade yesterday. An incredible amount of thought and effort went into creating some amazing costumes and bringing books to life. Thank you to the Year 6 students who organised the event with the assistance of Karen Mackin and Janette Tuttle. The library turned into Hogwarts at lunch time!



What a fantastic time was had by all at the Science Week tabloid event last Monday. Students engaged in a variety of different science experiments throughout the day. A special Science Week Tinker Club took place on Tuesday, in addition to a number of competitions, activities and films across the week. This would not have been possible without the incredibly hard work of Lauren Osborne. Her knowledge and passion for the learning area shone through and was infectious!

Our Interschool Cross Country team did a fantastic job at last Thursday's event, finishing third in their division. We were so proud of not only their efforts, but also their sportsmanship. Thank you to Ray Palermo for coordinating this event.

This week the community was wowed by our school choir who performed at the St Paul's Anglican Church on Tuesday to sing at the Elders Morning Tea. They sang two songs, then helped to serve morning tea before singing another two songs to end the visit. The students also chatted to the elders and discovered some wonderful old connections with Beaconsfield Primary. One of the ladies attended Beaconsfield Primary School back in 1926! This was our first trip out into the community to sing as a choir, and will hopefully be the beginning of many more. We plan to return to St Pauls to sing some Christmas carols at the end of the year. Well done to the choir and Avril Mulligan who have all worked tirelessly to prepare for the performance.

## Upcoming Events

### 26 August:

Father's Day Breakfast  
10:00—11:30

### 28 August:

Purple and Orange Kindy  
Photos

### 29 August:

Board Meeting

### 31 August:

Year 2 Room 3 Assembly

### 7 September:

PP Starfish and Seahorse  
Assembly

Rooms 5 and 6 Cicerello's  
Excursion

In line with our reviewed attendance policy we are paying close attention to the attendance of each classroom. Well done to Kindy Purple and Room 13 for having significantly improved attendance over the last two weeks. The only class this fortnight to have 100% attendance was Rottnest Island. Great work Rotto kids!

We send love and congratulations to Brett and Carina Morellini on the birth of gorgeous little Parker Bee who entered the world on Sunday, weighing 3.1kg. We wish them all the best and hope there is some sleep in the Morellini household!

Congratulations to Awatea Dansey on his nomination in the NRL Community Awards 'Teacher of the Year' category. This is an Australian wide award and recognition of Awa's work in making links with the NRL and organising opportunities to engage students and foster community links and involvement.

Kirsten Dicker

Principal  
24 August 2018



To all Beacy Dads and father figures

You and your kids are invited to a Father's Day event on Sunday 26th August, from 10am until 11.30am on the side oval at school.

There will be some fun times; a game of soccer and frisbee with the kids, and also there is a free BBQ breakfast.

No RSVP needed, just turn up on the day. Please come along for a chance to kick a few goals with the kids and have a free feed!

**Beaconsfield Primary School Fathering Project**

## CYBER SAFETY PARENT EVENING

**SAVE THE DATE 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**  
**PRESENTER PAUL LITHERLAND**

*"BRILLIANT INSPIRING ENGAGING – A great mix of humour and seriousness"*

In just 5 years, Paul Litherland has grown to be regarded as one of Australia's leading Key Note Speakers on Internet Awareness. He will be working with students from Years 4-6 during the day and will follow up with a presentation for parents in the evening.

We strongly encourage all our parents to attend.

Julie Bassett  
Deputy Principal

## Interschool Cross Country Report

On Thursday 16 August, students from Beaconsfield Primary School attended the CDSSA Interschool Cross Country carnival at Manning Park. Beaconsfield came third overall out of six schools, with Coogee taking out first place and South Coogee and Samson tying for second.

Our students were well behaved and proudly represented our school. Everyone ran to the best their ability but special mention must be made about a few of our brave athletes.

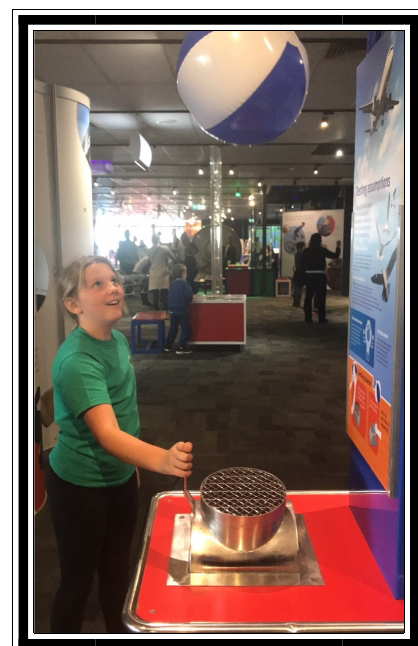
Well done to Jayde Veverka, who won the Year 3 Girls' Division. Other placegetters included AJ Merry, who ran second in the Year 6 Boys' race, Marley Grein, who came third in the Boys' Year 3 race. Great work Rex Dickerson, who could not believe that he beat 46 other runners to finish fourth in the Year 4 Boys' race. Special mentions to Raian and Angus who lost at least one shoe while competing in their races but soldiered on to the finish!

Mr Palermo wishes to thank Mrs Hill, Ms Lechte and Mr Merry (parent helper extraordinaire!) who assisted with the smooth "running" (sorry...) of this most enjoyable component of our athletics calendar.

## Year 3 Excursion to Scitech

On Monday, the Year 3's went on an adventure to Scitech! We have been learning about light in space and we saw some of our knowledge come to life on Monday. The students had a busy day; first we explored the Light Exhibition. There were lasers, mirrors, lens and even big white sheets that you could draw on with a machine! After that, we had some free time to test out some of the experiments and exhibits on the floor. Then the planetarium – this was the coolest! Imagine the biggest screen you've ever seen in a semi-circle above your head! We learned about how we have seasons here on Earth through the tilt of the axis. Last but definitely not least, we saw a show about "Things that Glow" in the Science Theatre. What a great day!

A big thank you to Emma and Jane for coming along as parent helpers!





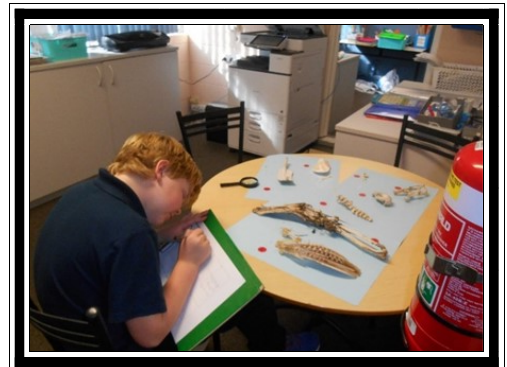
## Rottnest News - Week 6

Science week was a blast! On Monday we came over to Beacy to participate in the Tabloid Day - well worth the rough trip on the ferry. Mrs Osborne even gave us a personal demonstration of igniting her hands!

Back here on the island, we continued the theme by holding a Science Mystery Hunt, where the students used magnifying glasses to look at a collection of bones, shells, stuffed animals, eggs and bottled specimens which have been found on Rottnest Island over the years.

Next we all took part in the Beacy Science Challenge by creating and testing egg protectors, making square bubbles and floating cork boats.

Finally, on Thursday after school, we held our own Cinema event and afternoon tea.



## AWCHWA Incursion

In Weeks 5 and 6 the *Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital* came to visit Beaconsfield. The Pre Primary students from Seahorse and Starfish had a wonderful time learning about the new Children's Hospital and what it might be like to go there if you were sick.

The Year 1 and 2 Beaconsfield Intensive English Centre Students had a language-rich time role playing the community workers in the hospital. The two 'patients' Nurse Jo brought with her were bandaged, given medicine and looked after very well by the Room 7 and 8 students.





## YEAR 5 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

**Tuesday 4 September, 2018**  
**6.00pm-7.00pm**  
**Performing Arts Centre**  
**Fremantle College**

All parents/guardians of children who are currently enrolled in Year 5 are invited to attend an information session regarding:

- Enrolment into Fremantle College in 2020
- Specialist and Academy Programs
- Learning support and positive education

All parents are encouraged to attend.

Parking is off Lefroy Rd, Beaconsfield



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**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](mailto:beaconsfield.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or phone: 9430 7055