The Beacon



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Dear parents and caregivers

What a wet, wild and cold couple of weeks! Please make sure your child's jumpers are clearly labelled as we have a number that make their way into our growing collection of lost property.

Our school is currently focusing on attendance and our Attendance Policy has been reviewed to reflect this priority. This was recently endorsed at the Week 3 Board Meeting. As a school community, we believe that every day at school matters. Each day of absence makes a difference, with the effect on learning accumulating over time. In order to align with the Education Department's strategic focus on lifting attendance rates, our policy now contains the following statement:

For all students, it is the school's preferred position that parents do not organise leave during the school term. If contemplating an extended absence parents must consider that this will affect their child's progress and achievement. Parents need to notify the principal in writing for approval, if they intend to apply for leave. The examples of approved absences include: bereavement, serious illness of a family member or sporting representation at a state or national level. Examples of unapproved absences include family holidays. By proceeding with the holiday parents are acknowledging that their child's assessment program may not be able to be completed.

Whilst we understand that parents may still choose to remove their children for vacations during the term, and acknowledge the various reasons for this, we will no longer be authorising them. This brings the school in line with the Education Department and the Education Act. We have uploaded our reviewed Attendance Policy to the SkoolBag app and it is also available through the front office. If you have any further questions, please feel free to discuss them with me.

Next week Brett Morellini takes partner leave as he awaits the birth of his first child. We wish Brett and Carina all the best and look forward to announcing the arrival of beautiful baby Morellini.



Upcoming Events

13 August:

Science Week

Playgroup 9-10:30

Adult Fitness class on side oval 3:30pm – 4:30pm

16 August:

Interschool Cross Country

P&C meeting

17 August:

School Development Day – students do not attend

21 August:

Choir performance at St Paul's

23 August:

Book Week Parade

24 August:

School Photos

P&C Disco

A gentle reminder that next Friday is our Term 3 school development day. This provides the opportunity for our staff to work together collaboratively on professional development. This term our focus is on Explicit Teaching, in line with the Education Department's 2018 Focus of 'Implement an explicit teaching methodology in every classroom'. Explicit teaching is when the teacher clearly outlines the learning goals for students and gives a clear understanding of the skills, knowledge or information required to achieve the goals. Explicit teaching also focuses on the importance of providing students with purposeful and understandable feedback to support achievement. An expert in explicit teaching models from WAPPA will be presenting to our staff. We look forward to a day of gaining new knowledge and looking at ways we can improve teaching and learning in the classrooms at Beaconsfield.



In recognition of his fabulous work in Room 13, last term Brett Morellini was nominated by parents for the WA Premier's Primary Teacher of the Year. This award recognises primary school teachers who are knowledgeable, caring and creative — and passionate about inspiring younger students to want to learn. Whilst Brett was not selected as a finalist, his nomination is testament to his ability to engage and inspire his students. Thank you to the parents who acknowledged this through the nomination and to Brett for his continual dedication to his students.

Next week is Science Week and I want to acknowledge the hard work that Lauren Osborne has put into organising a fun-filled week for our budding scientists. Monday will see Science Week kick off with a tabloid day, whereby students will experience a variety of activities and experiments. Other major events that are happening across WA to celebrate science and innovation are:

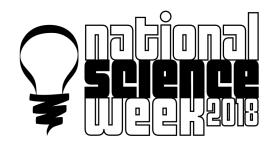
8—28 Peel Bright Minds Science Café Series (various locations)

11-19 August Goodness Festival in Geraldton

16 –19 August Nannup Flower and Garden Festival

18—19 August Perth Science Festival – Robinson Pavilion Claremont Showgrounds

29—30 August Mud and Saltwater Film Festival in Broome



Kirsten Dicker

Principal

10 August 2018

Faction Cross Country and Junior Fun Runs

On Friday 27 July, our school conducted the annual Faction Cross Country and Junior Fun Run. Thankfully, the weather was fine for the most part and we all came away from the events feeling happy – and dry! Our students were wonderfully behaved and tried their best regardless of their abilities.

Our Years 3 – 6 students participated in the Faction Cross Country Run, and in doing so, gained points for their Factions. The first five place getters for each year level are listed below. These students will be representing the Beaconsfield Primary School at the CDSSA Interschool Cross Country competition on 16 August at Manning Park.

Mr Palermo wishes to thank all who helped put this wonderful day together, such as our staff and terrific faction captains. Thanks to parents for supporting the day by coming to cheer on their intrepid runners! Special thanks to Mrs Lechte, for her invaluable advice to Mr Palermo.

Ray Palermo

Physical Education Specialist

Year 3	Girls	Boys
1st	Jayde Veverka (Hale)	Marley Grein (Hale)
2nd	Georgia Merry (Hampton)	Finlay Maynard (Scott)
3rd	Raian Ferido (Hale)	Leon Valli (Scott)
4th	Freya Knowles (Hampton)	Nathaniel Lindstrom (Hampton)
5th	Seren Roberts (Lefroy)	Isaac Bunce (Scott)
Year 4	Girls	Boys
1st	Isla Lindsley (Hale)	Rex Dickeson (Hampton)
2nd	Eden Ashley-Jones (Scott)	Alex Bauk (Scott)
3rd	Paige Currie (Scott)	Kai Stanbridge (Scott)
4th	Zara Veverka (Hale)	Taj Bartram (Scott)
5th	Lulu Spencer (Lefroy)	Harry Beeley (Hampton)
Year 5	Girls	Boys
1st	Evelyn Kay (Hampton)	Sam Alford (Hampton)
2nd	Afrika Green (Lefroy)	Toby Alford (Hampton)
3rd	Bella Grein (Hale)	Yesse Kashidi (Lefroy)
4th	Amy Wild (Hampton)	Gus Newcombe (Hampton)
5th	Carissa Kurowski (Scott)	Darcy Gifford (Scott)
Year 6	Girls	Boys
1st	Billie Chipper (Hampton)	A.J. Merry (Hampton)
1st	Jade Chipper (Hampton)	
1st	Grace Paton (Hale)	
2nd	Mackenzie Stevenson (Hale	Angus Fuller (Scott)
3rd	Elia Te Are (Lefroy)	Santiago James (Hampton)
4th	Phraewa Jongjet (Lefroy)	Marco Perrone (Hale) & Angus Horton (Scott)
5th	Eunchae Sung (Scott)	Will Prakochue (Hale)

Rugby Tickets

In conjunction with Rugby WA and the Western Force an enticing opportunity has arisen for next Friday night's game. We have been afforded an amount of complimentary tickets for the Western Force vs. Wild Knights (Japan). The game will be held on



17 August, 6:30pm at NIB Stadium. If you would like to attend, can you please leave your name and number of tickets required with the front office staff. We will then make arrangements for the collection of tickets after school on Thursday.

The relationship between Beaconsfield and Rugby WA has been one of the great shining lights this past year and the HPE committee has been working tirelessly to improve engagement and health outcomes by organising opportunities for students and the community to partake in school sports clinics and professional player meets. Recently the 'Beacy Dads' group and students of Room 16 were the recipients of tickets to the Force vs Hong Kong.

If you have any queries regarding the upcoming event please touch base with Mr D in Room 16.

Beaconsfield Choir visit to St Paul's

On Tuesday 21 August the choir will visit St Paul's Anglican Church in Beaconsfield to sing for the Elderly Morning Tea. The students will then serve morning tea and chat to the elderly. We will leave school at 9.45am and return after the morning tea finishes at 11am. The organisers at St Paul's have extended a welcome to parents and grandparents of the choir to come along and listen, but more importantly, we still need <u>two parent helpers to assist for the duration of the excursion</u>. Please see Avril Mulligan in the music room if you can help, or let your child's class teacher know.

Avril Mulligan



Book Week

Children's Book Week this year is from 18 August - 24 August. At Beaconsfield Primary School we will be celebrating with a book fair and a dress up day. Please see the poster in this newsletter for details of the book fair. The **dress up day** is Thursday 23 August. On this day students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Parents and community

members are welcome to attend our parade of book characters in the undercover area at 9.00 am.

Hampton Road Crossing

A number of community members attended the Fremantle City's information session on the Hampton Road crossing. Many interesting points were made and if your family uses this area, I encourage you to have your say on the City of Fremantle's community engagement portal at mysay.fremantle.wa.gov.au/hampton-road.

Room 20 & Seahorse Buddy Class

Room 20 and Seahorse had a blast on Friday! We have paired up for a Buddy class session every fortnight. Last week we got to know each other by asking some 'interview questions'. We found out what our buddy's favourite meal and colour is. The Pre-Primary students had a chance to show their Year 3 buddy what their favourite book was too. This is a great opportunity for all students to build their self-confidence as well as their social interactions. In Room 20, we will be focussing on what it looks like to be a positive mentor and what skills we need to be practising when we visit our Buddy class. We'll see you again soon Buddies!

By Room 20







Rottnest News Week 4

Hello all, we are excited about our next trip over to the mainland. On Monday we will spend the day at Beacy, delving into the Science Week Tabloid Day and we can't wait!

Last week, we had a local excursion to visit The Nursing Post on the island. It was very interesting to see how the paramedics help visitors and community members if they have a medical problem.

It was surprising to find out that the most common treatment at the Nursing Post was for Quokka bites! Who knew they were so dangerous?

The children learned what to do if they are stung by a jellyfish, as well as how to treat a snakebite. Everyone also enjoyed climbing into the back of the ambulance to see all the emergency equipment.



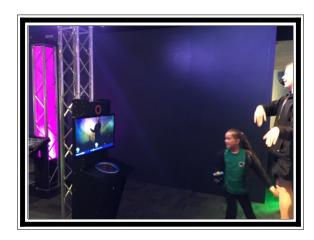


Scitech Excursion Rooms 15 and 16

On Monday 30 July, the Year 4s and 5s from Rooms 15 and 16 set out on an excursion to Scitech. It was a full on day with games, challenges, activities and more. Some of the highlights included; the Planetarium show 'Planet Nine', the 'Things that Glow' theatre show and the 'free time floor' where students could play with robotics, investigate how wind works and explore infra-red lights. Students were particularly in awe of the colourful explosions that took place in the live show, but after discussing the excursion on the bus ride home it appears that the fan favourite was 'Laser Dodge'. In 'Laser Dodge' students had to masterfully make their way through a challenging dark room whilst avoiding the 'Laser' sensors. Well done to all the students who persisted in this challenge and were able to 'beat it' by the end of the day. I will be in touch with you all shortly in regards to an upcoming bank job:)

Well done to the Beacy students who attended, your behaviour exemplified the school values. Mr D would also like to express a massive thank you to all the parent helpers and Miss Hart who assisted on the day. Your efforts allowed the excursion to go off without a hitch.

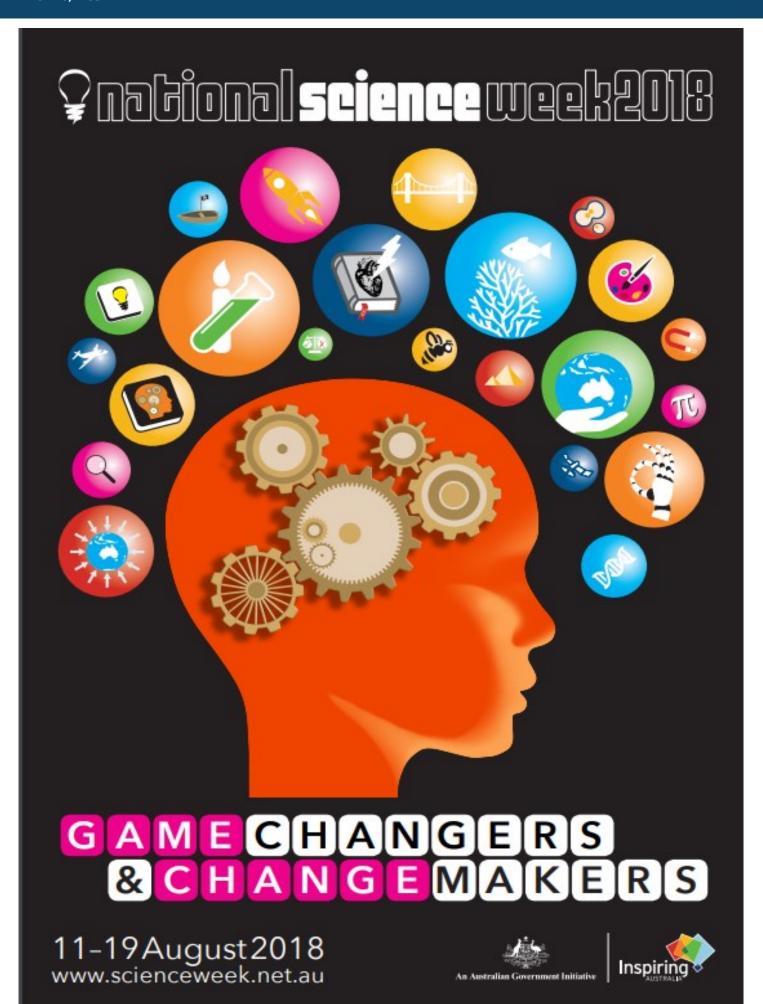
Mr Dansey













BOOK FAIR

will be held in our school library.

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd of August,

from 8:30am before school and after school until 3:30pm.

Purchases can also be made at lunchtime on Monday and Tuesday only.

