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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

30 March

Kitchen Garden Clean-up

3 April

Bunnings Kitchen Garden day

4 April

Myles Draper talk to Year 6 students

5 April

Swimming Carnival

Rottnest Fathering Project
Camp

12 April

Room 15 Assembly

Last day of Term 1

Dear Beaconsfield Primary parents and caregivers

What an action-packed fortnight we've had! The students have been involved in a wide range of activities.

Our Harmony Day Assembly was a fabulous celebration of our multicultural school. This was evident in the wonderful and colourful traditional costumes. Our day was focused on celebrating Noongar culture, starting with a smoking ceremony, engaging the students in rock painting, mia mia building, boomerang throwing and culminating in a traditional blessing. We were lucky to have Neville Collard and his family to facilitate this learning. A big thank you to Andi Hill for her organisation, and to Mercedes Ascencio for her assistance.

Yesterday, 60 senior students were involved in the Summer Carnival. We sent a boys and girls cricket team, a mixed rugby team and three basketball teams. I was so impressed with the level of sportsmanship demonstrated by all athletes. All Beaconsfield students had smiles on their faces and enjoyed the day, win or lose. While some of our teams came very close to winning their competitions, our girls basketball team were crowned champions. Not only did they win the competition, they did not concede one basket during the day! David Andersson did a fantastic job of organising the day, and we also need to acknowledge his helpers, both teachers and parents; Janette Tuttle, Nicole Wiseman, Gillie Knowles, Yamel Alvarez, Sonia Forrest, Nenad Ivanisevic, Eliza Alford and our work experience student from Fremantle College, Alex.

On Monday, our student leaders took part in the National Young Leaders Day at the Perth Convention Centre. Here they had the opportunity to consider what leadership meant, and listened to some inspirational speakers, such as Liesel Jones. Thank you to Chris John and Awatea Dansey for chaperoning our leaders into the city, via bus and train.

I would like to invite any interested community members to nominate for the Beaconsfield Primary School Board. The Board's role is to represent the whole school community in setting the school's direction and priorities, and assessing the school's performance. It plays an important role in contributing to good school governance so that resources are used efficiently and community expectations and the school's priorities reflect the needs of students. If you would like to join us, please collect a nomination form from the front office. Nominations close 12 April.

A reminder that we will be working hard in the kitchen garden tomorrow from 9am. This is in preparation for the Bunnings renovation taking place next week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kirsten Dicker
Principal

Harmony Day



Harmony Day in Kindy

What a lovely way to spend the day! Our Kindy families all came together to celebrate the cultural diversity that we have at Beaconsfield Primary School. We shared favourite food from different countries, added a handprint to our beautiful 'Kindy Family Tree' to represent 'family' and 'belonging', drew our families on orange hearts, made necklaces and kneaded orange playdough. A big thank you to Erik and Veronika Hooff who painted the beautiful picture.



Leadership Conference



On Monday 25 March all Beaconsfield Student Leaders attended the 2019 National Young Leaders Day run by the Halogen Group at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

We had the opportunity to learn from various inspiring speakers. The first speaker Akram Aziri, a lawyer and Indigenous right advocate who was born and raised in Afghanistan during a horrific civil war before emigrating to Australia, taught us an important lesson on leading through inclusion of all people no matter their religion, gender, age or race.

Our second speaker was Jade Slater, the product manager for the Cotton On Foundation. She took us through the journey of selling charity items in their stores to fund their programs that build schools and provide fresh food and clean drinking water to thousands of children in impoverished areas of Uganda, South Sudan, South Africa and Thailand. She spoke on the importance of finding your passion and helping others.

The third speaker was the five-time Olympic gold medallist Leisel Jones who explained the importance of high expectations and goal setting. She broke down the 12 670 hours of training it took her from a young age in order to succeed at the highest level. She also spoke about the need for persistence and resilience in the face of failure.

The final speaker was Matt Cosgrove, the author of many, many books including 'Alpacas with Maracas', the text selected for 2019 National Simultaneous Story Time. He spoke about his journey to becoming an author and illustrator by overcoming setbacks, staying positive and believing in himself until he found the right publisher.

Overall it was an amazing day and the student leaders can agree that we cannot wait to apply what we learnt on Monday both at school and the outside world.

by Carissa Kurowski

Summer Carnival



Butterfly Buddies

On Monday afternoons each fortnight, Room 13 and Starfish Pre-Primary join forces for 'Butterfly Buddies'. Both classes are working together with the local government and other schools in the network for the 'Butterfly Gardening Project'. Throughout the year we will be investigating, researching and exploring opportunities to develop sustainable green spaces that are creature friendly.

Mr D's students have approached this project with great excitement and enthusiasm and have expressed jubilation at the opportunity to mentor and facilitate learning opportunities with the younger children. In a change of form however, it was in fact the Pre-primary students who were teaching their Big Year 6 counterparts about scientific terms such as 'chrysalis' and 'metamorphosis'.

I would like to express big thank you to Mrs Nottage for all her amazing work behind the scenes and for making these opportunities available for our students.



Can all students and parents please keep an eye out for 'Buttercup the Butterfly'? She was last seen over by the Kitchen Garden and has been spotted with a foreman badge ready for the 'Busy Bee Clean Up' this weekend.

Awatea Dansey, Room 13

Rottnest News Week 8



Last week all students from PP to Year 4 attended five days of swimming lessons down at North Thomson Bay.

This year, the weather was kind to us, which made the long 80 minute lessons a bit more manageable for the students. Thanks must go to Miss Jaimee and Mr Russell, who spent the whole school day down at the beach, supervising and teaching the children.



As this coincided with Harmony Week, we finished off the week with an Afternoon Tea at the beach. All parents brought food associated with their cultural background to share.

Fathering Project

Don't forget to register for the Rottnest camp coming up soon.

Places are still available, but please get in quick. We have two nights on Rottnest in the campground, from Friday 5 April to Sunday 7 April. In fact we have the whole campground just for us, right next to Pinky's beach. \$120.00 will get you accommodation, activities, breakfasts and dinners. You will need to provide your own tent and sleeping gear. We are also in the process of getting a great deal with Sealink ferries.

Please email beacydads@gmail.com with your expression of interest, and we will send you a link to register.

Gabe Hammond

WIN A FREE TRIP TO ROTTO

Voluntary Contribution Payment Incentive.

Thank you to all the families who have paid their Voluntary Contributions. Today was the last day to be in the running for the prize of two adult tickets to Rottnest Island. This trip can be used in conjunction with Sealink's Summer Special where children aged 4-12 travel free. The prize will be drawn next week so good luck to everyone.



WEYBRIDGE VACATION CARE

East Fremantle Primary School
4 Forrest Street, Fremantle

Week 1 — from 15 April

Monday 15 April: Bricks 4 Kidz

Enjoy creative building with a wizard and muggle theme

Tuesday 16 April: Easter Fun Day

Come ready for some hunting, experiments and more Easter Fun

Wednesday 17 April: Fremantle Prison and Esplanade Park - Fremantle - Excursion

Thursday 18 April: Cooking Creations

Explore some Easter themed cooking activities

Friday 19 April: Good Friday

Public Holiday - Service Closed



Week 2 — from 22 April

Monday 22 April: East Monday

Public Holiday - Service Closed

Tuesday 23 April: Calling All Artists

Explore a variety of painting techniques and art explosions

Wednesday 24 April: Monument Hill - Fremantle

Walking excursion - please wear suitable footwear

Thursday 25 April: ANZAC Day

Public Holiday - Service Closed

Friday 26 April: Weybridge Amazing Race

Challenges and exploration around the area

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FUN

PLUS LOTS
MORE!

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