



BEACONSFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Beacon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 27 – 29 May
Year 6 Camp – Woodman Point

Tuesday 28 May
Year 5 excursion – Shipwreck
Galleries

Friday 31 May
School Development Day – no
students at school

Monday 3 June
Public Holiday

Thursday 6 June
Scientist in Schools Room 16,18

Monday 10 June
Kindy Parent Session - Phonics

Tuesday 11 June
Kindy Parent Session – Phonics

Friday 14 June
Room 1 Assembly

Dear Beaconsfield Primary parents and caregivers

As you may have gathered from the communication over the last week, NAPLAN testing was certainly interesting. Luckily we didn't experience the level of connectivity issues reported by some schools from across the country. Interruptions were relatively minor and did not seem to impact upon the children's ability to complete the testing. Students who did experience technical issues have had the option to resit the affected test in a pen and paper format. I would like to acknowledge the work of Chris John in overseeing the process across the school. Managing the technology and testing platform added another layer of complexity to the logistics of test scheduling. I would like to also acknowledge our Year 3 and 5 teachers for their calm and competent approach. Students did not panic during interruptions and showed great resilience, supported by their teachers.

We are tracking our attendance, with the Business Plan target of improving our average attendance rate from 93% to 95%. Currently our rate is 94.4%. We know there are times when children need to stay home, and when they are sick, there is no better place than at home in bed. When students have been absent, for whatever reason, please let the school know via a phone call, the website, Connect or MSGU. At this stage of the year, we still have 260 unexplained absences, or 36% of all absences. Notifying the school allows us to account for these absences and fulfil our duty of care to our students.

In introducing the new board members last newsletter, it was remiss of me to not include all current Board members, giving the false impression that we had lost a few people on the way. We are lucky to have a full Board, which brings a diverse range of experiences and knowledge to enrich our decision making. Our Board now comprises of:

- Richard Bostwick (Board Chair)
- Kirsten Dicker (Principal)
- Jane White (Parent representative)
- Ben Knowles (Parent representative)
- Kieran Bell (Parent representative)
- Verena Merry (Parent representative)
- Gabriele Rossi (Parent representative)
- Myles Draper (Community representative – Fremantle College)
- Christine Robinson (Community representative – Notre Dame University)
- Awatea Dansey (Staff representative)
- Louise Glassborow (Staff representative)
- Chris John (Staff representative)
- Andi Hill (Staff representative)

I want to thank Nina Salib and the parking sub-committee of the P&C for their work in developing a parking survey for our community. You are able to access the survey https://esurv.org/online-survey.php?survey_ID=MMJOLL_eae5bff and I encourage everyone to have their say as parking continues to be an ongoing issue. We had a resident from Hale Street drop into the office yesterday.

She was disappointed by the lack of respect shown by people who had parked across their driveway. An elderly relative living there has a carer who needs to have access to the driveway 24 hours a day. Yesterday they were unable to leave on time for an appointment because of the cars blocking the driveway. I think everyone would agree that this is unfair to our neighbours and disrespectful of their property. Should such situations continue, the school will have to call upon the City of Fremantle parking rangers to monitor the situation.

We wish all our Year 6 students a wonderful time on camp next week. They are headed to Woodman Point for three days of team building and fresh air! I'm sure they will have a fabulous time and I can't wait to join them. Thank you to Janette Tuttle and Awatea Dansey for all your work in preparing for what I'm sure will be a highlight of their primary schooling!

We would like to thank all our 81 supporters who have helped contribute to our \$1126 received from Gilbert's Fresh throughout the Support Our Schools Program (SOS). That money has gone towards literacy resources for the early years.

A reminder that you can keep up to date with all events and information through the Connect App or our new and improved website

<https://www.beaconsfieldps.wa.edu.au/>

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kirsten Dicker
Principal

The Choir is going to the Crown!

On August 6 the Beaconsfield Choir will be performing at the Crown Theatre as part of the WAGSMS Concert Night, where musical performances from a range of government schools are showcased in a series of evening concerts. Tickets are available to parents and the public from Ticketmaster starting June 10, and sell fast, so get in quick! Adayna Fozdar from Year 4 will be performing her solo piano piece at a separate concert on June 9.

We need a confident piano player to either play with us on the night or to record the song for us to use as a backing track. If this is you, please let the front office know, or pop in and see me ASAP in the Music Room.

Ms Mulligan
Music Teacher

Year 5s Science Activity Tuesday Week 3

This term in Science the Year 5s in Room 16 have been focussing on Earth and Space Science, in particular how the Earth is part of a system of planets that orbit around the sun. Their aim was to create a human representation of the solar system. Eight students had the opportunity to become the planets. The challenge was for the rest of the Year 5s to organise the planets based on their scaled distance from the sun. The whole class was involved in the measuring process and came up with effective and accurate ways of measuring.

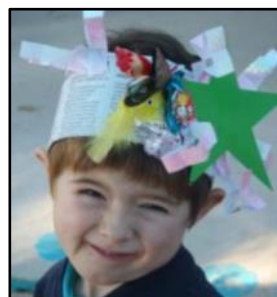


To ensure everyone was able to be a part of the solar system, the Year 5s came up with the brilliant idea for the remaining students becoming the asteroid belt located between the first and last four planets of the solar system. The students had a great day learning about the scaled distance and relative size of planets.



Pre Primary - Crowns, Cakes and Cuteness

Pre-Primary students celebrated their mothers with a gorgeous morning tea. Mummies were pampered, turned into princesses and fed delicious decorated biscuits. Great fun had by all.



Knitting Club

Are you feeling the cold? Would you like to keep your neck snuggly? Ms Wiseman in Room 17 is starting up a knitting club to be held on Fridays at lunchtime in Room 17, after the bell for eating has sounded. Bring along your own needles and some wool and learn how to make your own scarf. You may like to make it using school colours, in one colour or as colourful as you like. Bring your knitting equipment in a reusable bag. If you don't have needles bring some wool and you can learn other knitting creations. Knitting starts Friday May 24th.

Cross Country Training Club

Do you want to get fitter?

Cross country training is starting this Thursday morning for those wishing to attend. Please meet David Andersson at the bottom oval for an 8.10 am start. Other family members are more than welcome to join us too.



Commit to your child's online safety

Free event

Children are exposed to online content in their preschool years. Behaviours like cyberbullying begin at primary school. Peer pressure can cause poor online decisions for many teenagers.

- Hear from the Office of the eSafety Commissioner on empowering young people, parents and carers to manage online issues.
- Commit to your child's online safety by attending this presentation from one of Australia's leading online safety experts.

eSafety is important for every child from ages 1 to 18

Learn how to:

- Reduce accidental exposure to inappropriate content
- Initiate conversations about online stranger danger
- Identify age appropriate apps and websites

1-7

- Deal with online stranger contact
- Have a conversation about online issues including cyberbullying
- Manage apps and privacy settings
- Support your child using online safety resources

8-12

- Report serious cyberbullying and image based abuse
- Manage screen time and excessive use
- Have a conversation with your child about their online brand

13-18



Date: Tuesday 28 May 2019
Time: 6:30 - 8:30pm
Venue: PAC Auditorium

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