

# Term 3 | 30 August | Issue 12 BEACONSFIELD The Beacon

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# UPCOMING

**Tuesday 3 September** PP Father's Day Breakfast PP Kings Park Excursion

#### Wednesday 4 September

Jumps and Throws Kindy Turquoise Father's Day Breakfast

#### **Friday 6 September** Faction Assembly

Kindy Purple and Orange Father's Day Breakfast

#### **Monday 9 September** Room 13 Excursion to Fremantle Prison

**Tuesday 10 September** Rooms 7,20 Excursion to the Zoo

**Friday 13 September** Room 16 Assembly

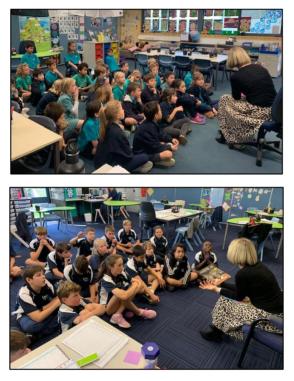
#### **Dear Beaconsfield Primary School community**

While our students enjoyed a long weekend last week, our staff were busily learning about a program called Friendly Schools Plus. It is the first anti-bullying initiative for schools developed through extensive research with Australian children and adolescents. It is recognised nationally and internationally as a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to student health and wellbeing that can substantially reduce bullying behaviour. Through the whole school approach to teaching social and emotional skills, we hope to develop qualities like resilience, positive self-esteem, empathy, social skills, selfmanagement skills, decision-making skills and conflict resolution that can help to protect students from the harmful effects of bullying. Erin Erceg, an author of the program, engaged our staff in professional learning for the day and we are looking forward to mapping out its implementation in order to achieve our **Business Plan Target 4.1** There will be a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to student health and wellbeing, with a student satisfaction of 4.2 or above in the National Schools Opinion Survey 'I feel safe at my school' and 'I like being at my school.' Further information will be available to parents and the community as the program is rolled out, but you can access some of the resources at http://friendlyschools.com.au/fsp/information/forparents-families/



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All students have thoroughly enjoyed the activities throughout Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week. I had a great time sharing my love of books with students and had the opportunity to read some favourite stories to a number of classes.



This week, students had the World of Maths set up in our Library. Students were enthralled in a variety of hands on maths activities that encouraged them to problem solve and engage their mathematical thinking. We acknowledge the work of Karen Mackin and the English Committee and Celeste Franklin and the Mathematics Committee for all their hard work and dedication to providing such an engaging range of activities for our students.

Attendance is a Business Plan focus for our school. We are currently looking at the number of unauthorised absences. Currently we have 703 half days whereby student attendance is not accounted for. Please assist us by notifying the front office, or your child's teacher if your child is away for any reason. You can speak to your child's teacher or the front office in person, by phone or email. You can also submit an absence via Connect and the MessageYou A gentle reminder to parents who use the playground after school. We acknowledge that it is a great opportunity to catch up, fostering a wonderful sense of community. However, we've had a number of incidents and altercations between students over the course of this year. In order to avoid any injuries can we ask that you please undertake the following:

- Ensure your child or children stay within your line of vision
- Actively monitor your child while they are within the school grounds
- Encourage your child or children to follow the school rules. It is confusing to children if they are allowed to use equipment or access areas they are not able to in the course of a normal school day
- Encourage children whose parents are not onsite to make a timely exit and head home.

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Kirsten Dicker** Principal

#### **Book Week**

#### Book week Fun in Pre-Primary

Mrs Lopez, Hunter's wonderful Nan, joined us in Pre-Primary and read *Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers. She wore her special story-reading cloak. After, we drew pictures of all the things that got stuck in the tree. Hunter said it was a great day and Emily thought it was funny story.



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#### Book Week Parade

At 9:00 Beaconsfield Primary School met at the undercover area for the annual Book Week assembly.

The juniors started us off by confidently parading onto the assembly stage, showing off their fantastic costumes inspired by their favourite book characters



Followed by more and

more creative classes, the Year six leaders asked students what book their outfits were inspired by.

Students all enjoyed standing in front of the school with their peers showing of their awesome costumes.

At the end of the parade Mrs. Mackin, our literature leader here at Beacy, presented author awards for different categories.

To round up the event Ms Dicker, or I should I say "Fantastic Mr. Fox", invited the teachers onto the stage to show their costumes.

#### Lena I.



#### **World of Maths**

This week we held our "World of Maths" incursion in the Library. Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 experienced how Maths is applied to everyday life situations. They used their problem solving skills, as they rotated through multiple activities. Laughter spilled from the library throughout



the day – who thought that Maths could be so much fun!





#### **Science Week**

On August 16, students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 participated in Science Day. The day opened with a guest presenter assembly, students then moved to their stations. There were five stations that groups of students rotated throughout. Group 'O' rotated through the telescope presentation, slime making, flower experiments, making

popping rockets and creating clappers. All students had so much fun and were enthusiastic to complete each activity. A particular highlight for group 'O' was definitely making slime. Thank-you to Mrs Osborne for organising this amazing day, it was a memorable start to the term for all students.



Miss Delios

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What an incredible Science Week! We blasted off in rockets and made galaxy slime. We watched flower petals bloom and looked through telescopes at the cosmos. It was a week which inspired curiosity and reminded us of how incredible the world around us is.



A special thanks must go to the volunteers and guests who came to Beaconsfield to share their expertise with our community. Our children had a fantastic opportunity to learn about rocket fuel, the expanding universe and constellations, to name a few. The students spent the day enthralled in the activities. It was a day thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Miss Park



#### Science Week Colouring Competition

All entries are on display outside the staff roof until the end of term.

Congratulations to our winners!

- Harlan Clout
- Joshua Pickering
- Zoe Carder
- Angus
  Marillier
- Saxon Clout
- Adayna
- FozdarIsobel
- MarillierZorica White
- Tusha Walsh



#### **Thank You!**

Beaconsfield Primary School would like to thank the following groups and individuals without whom Science Week would not have been such a huge success!

- Earthside Astronomy
- Australia Post
- Brentwood Pharmacy
- STEM Professionals in Schools Anne Tomlinson and David Hopper
- Volunteers; Zorica, Kat, Chrissy, Violet and Ivy

#### **Rottnest News Term Three**

Much excitement and fun has been generated between Science Week and Book Week on Rottnest. Our Campus held a Science Tabloid Day, a colouring competition and a Community Scinema event for Science Week.

Last week, we had a Dress-up Day, invited parents to read a favourite story and held a Library Scavenger Hunt to celebrate Book Week.

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Thank you to the Mathematics committee for organising a wonderful visit from *World of Maths* for all the Beaconsfield students this week. Our students travelled over on Tuesday to attend this engaging hands-on workshop.

#### **Interschool Cross Country**

On the August 22, 45 students from Years 3-6 represented the school at the Interschool Cross Country carnival held at Manning park. The Years 3s and 4s were required to run a distance of 1.5km while the Year 5 and 6 students ran 2.25km.

It was pleasing to see Beaconsfield competitors giving their best effort and supporting their teammates when they were not competing.

Well done to all students who were involved in the event with special mention to Jayde Veverka who finished first in the year 4 girls race. Well done Jayde! Thank you to Jane Rodrigues, Ben Knowles and Simone Guettinger for helping out with the event.





#### West Coast Fever Cup

Last Wednesday a talented group of Beaconsfield Primary netballers competed at the inaugural West Coast Fever Cup at the State Netball centre in Jolimont. We competed against other schools who had also won their Interschool competitions. The netball was played at a high standard and the Beaconsfield girls played as hard as they could. Although we didn't win, we were so proud of the girls making it to the prestigious competition. Look out next year! A huge thank you to the many parents who supported us on the day and for playing a fearless kids versus parents netball match! Such good sports.

Ms Wiseman



Mr Andersson



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