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# The Beacon

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 28 October Interschool Numero Hosting

Swimming commences 28 October – 8 November

Tuesday 29 October Interschool Jumps & Throws

**Thursday 31 October** Scientist in school Rms 3,4 at 9.10am

**Friday 1 November** Year 1 Assembly Interschool Athletics

**Monday 4 – 6 November** Book Fair in Library

**Thursday 7 November** Music Count us in 9.30am

Friday 8 November Faction Assembly

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

What a great display of fun and sportsmanship we had today with the Junior Tabloid Carnival. Thanks to David Andersson and the junior teachers, EAs and prac students for their organisation. A big thank you to the Year 6 students who were patient, good-humoured models for our Pre-primary and Year 1 children.

Today is World Teachers' Day which is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide. It was established in 1994, by UNESCO, to recognise the special role teachers play in our society. I would like to acknowledge, celebrate and thank our Beaconsfield Primary School teachers for making a positive difference in the lives of our children. Every day they create opportunities and empower the young minds of our future leaders, innovators and influencers. For this we are grateful. Our staff was very appreciative of the morning tea provided by the Fremantle Baha'i Association, dropped in by Nasim Fozdar today. It is no secret that teachers love their morning tea, so it was the perfect way to celebrate World Teachers' Day. Beaconsfield Primary School staff thank you for this.



#### Edudance

Many of you would have been as disappointed as we were to learn that Edudance could not take place this term. While we were booked in for Term 4, circumstances beyond their control at Edudance meant that they didn't have an available tutor. We did look at alternative dance providers for this year, however found that there is very little that is comparable or offers the same fun and engagement. Our students will have the opportunity to show off their dance moves next year. We know how beloved Edudance is for our students and community, and we are eagerly looking forward to our Term 1, 2020 concerts!

#### **Class placements**

We understand that individual class placements may impact upon on a student's attainments. The staff of Beaconsfield Primary School will recommend allocation of students to classes to ensure there is a balance of ability, behaviour, gender and friendship groups across the classes. The final decision about placement will rest with the school administration. Should you have specific information about your child that you believe would impact upon decisions about classroom placement, you are welcomed to contact me by email at Kirsten.Dicker@education.wa.edu.au before Friday 8 November. This information will be referenced, along with other available information, during the class placement process. Please be aware that while all requests will be considered, they will be accommodated where

possible, based upon the educational

needs of all students.

#### **PEAC information**

Last term, state wide testing of Year 4 students for inclusion in the Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) program in Years 5 and 6 was conducted. PEAC offers a supplementary program for gifted and talented students and provides them with the opportunity to extend, challenge develop their thinking skills. and Identification of these students has been conducted through testing, marking and ranking of each student's results. I am pleased to say that we had three students who were eligible to take part in the program. Letters have gone home to these families to notify them of the results. If your child sat the test and you wish to obtain further information about the process or results, I am happy to discuss this.

### Kirsten Dicker Principal

#### SciTech Science Challenge Day

On Monday 21 October, eight students from Beaconsfield Primary School in groups of four were challenged to design and build a 'Circular Economy Item' to help another school. In the two groups there were Alexis, Toby, Gus and Lena (Group 1), the other was represented by Amin, Annabel, Sam HK and Evelyn (Group 2).



The two groups had some different ideas. Group 1 came up with a Solar Powered Greenhouse and Group 2 created a playground made out of old shoe material. Sadly, none of Beaconsfield's ideas won on this occasion. The winners on the day were Churchlands Primary School, and for their prize they each got a bag of gemstones. At SciTech we also got served lunch and recess. For recess we got a biscuit and a piece of fruit and for lunch we got pizza. Once we had eaten, we were allowed to explore and find lots of cool things to do in SciTech. My favourite thing I saw, was the blue light room with lots of lit up things like cloths, sand, different coloured lights and the tubes.



At approximately 2.30pm, Beaconsfield got their bus back to school, we roughly arrived at 3.30pm and could finally get picked up after that long but very fun day.

I would highly recommend for the next generation of Beaconsfield students to participate in the 'Challenge' because you get to have fun using your scientific skills and knowledge whilst learning lots of new things.

#### **Sports News**

#### Seda Football Clinic

On Monday 21 October, the SEDA Year 11 and 12 students paid a visit to Beaconsfield. They ran football clinics for all students from Years 1-6. Students got to practise their kicking, hand balling, marking and play fun games. Well done to all those who participated.

#### Mr Andersson





#### **Diving Western Australia**

Well done to Max Palandri who was invited to attended a diving class held at HBF stadium. Last Thursday diving WA visited us to run a land based school clinic. Students practised their jumping and forward rolling.



#### **By Gus Newcombe**

## L`Angolo Italiano

Benvenuti alla quinta edizione di L`Angolo Italiano. Welcome to the fifth edition of The Italian Corner.

On Friday 18 October Guest Judge Signora Colleen Barclay from WAATI, came to award certificates and prizes to those students who won the 2019 <u>Fammi Un Poster Italiano</u> <u>Competition</u>.

It was with great pleasure to announce that Beaconsfield PS received SIX state winners and they were:



Year 2 : Alysha Ramsey, 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Year 2: Bethany Oldmeadow, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Year 3: Alexa Perrone, 1<sup>st</sup>

Place

Year 3: Louis Franke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Year 4: Freya Knowles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Year 5: Phoebe Stejskal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

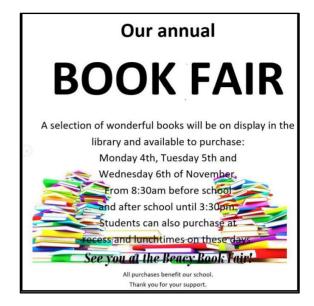
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Congratulations to all our winners. I am so proud of you all. Also a huge thank you to parents and caregivers in supporting your children in this venture and ensuring they completed and submitted their work on time.

If you missed out this year, don't despair because the competition will run again in 2020.

Fino alla prossima volta, buon divertimento. Until next time, have fun. Signora Harrison





#### **Fremantle Library**

Do you play Minecraft? Fremantle Library now has a Minecraft Java Edition Server! It's available for 7 to 17 year olds, and has a few plugins installed to keep your builds safe, as well as a functioning shop system. Send an email to <u>freocraft@fremantle.wa.gov.au</u> with the username and proof of the player's age, and we'll get back to you!



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Come and join us for exciting art and craft!

Kids after school art classes available in Fremantle, 5-14vrs.

Visit the website for more details and to book

www.creativekidsartclub.com.au



This is a course for those who work with adolescents which includes teachers, case workers and volunteers Course Aims

Course Aims: Adolescence can be a difficult path for many young people as they attempt to find their own identity in an ever changing and challenging world. Based on recent research, this course updates participants' understanding and provides practical and creative ways that teachers and mentors can seamlessly integrate assistance to adolescents within their day- to- day roles. The course focuses on practical application - participants will learn strategies aimed to help adolescents improve their mental wellbeing and build healthy self-esteem. Although this course aims to empower and up-skill the individual teacher, a number of simple and effective strategies and tools could be adopted by whole of school with a view to healthy self-esteem culture.

#### We will discuss

- How to assess what's going on for the adolescent while establishing an alliance with them.
  How we can roll with the student's resistance to engaging with us.
  Ways of working with adolescents who are depressed, angry, disengaged or emotional.

Highlights will include: • Understanding what happens in the adolescent and adult brain that makes changing some of our

- patterns difficult but not impossible. Ways that people enter change via the 'Change Triangle'. How to identify 10 Unhelpful Thinking Styles that appear in the language of young people and how to
- respond supportively. Gaining a deeper understanding of anger and learn 4 strategies that young people use to mismanage
- Gaming a deeper understanding of anger and team 4 strategies that young people use to mismanage their anger that can keep them stuck in feelings of low self-worth.
   Learning fun psychological strategies that help us defuse from the unhelpful 'stories' that our minds create that cause us stress and unhappiness.
- Active listening skills and empathic responding. Experience through activities why these often neglected aspects of communication are vital to connecting with an adolescent.

Where: WEST LEEDERVILLE - Level 1, 22 Southport Street When: Tuesday 19 November Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm Cost: \$220 per person - includes light lunch Bookings are required. Please phone 6164 0200 to enrol

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