



BEACONSFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 15 November

Year 2 Assembly

Tuesday 19 November

Choir visit to St Paul's
Room 15 and 16 Parliament
House excursion
Year 3 Kings Park excursion

Wednesday 20 November

Scientist in Schools Kindy
Turquoise

Friday 22 November

Kindy 2020 induction

Dear Beaconsfield Primary School community

Yesterday, our Year 1 – Year 6 students took part in Music: Count Us in National Celebration Day. They joined over 750 000 students from around 3 400 schools Australia wide to sing the 2019 program song 'We Are'. This song was written by students discovered through the National Songwriting Competition, and was sung by students on the same day, at the same time. Our students were led by our wonderful choir! A big thank you to Avril Mulligan for organising the event and ensuring all students had practised the song and actions. Thanks also to Lauren Osborne for setting up the board and audio so that our students had a live stream of the main event.



In another celebration of music, on Wednesday night I was lucky enough to attend Fremantle College's Specialist Music Extravaganza which featured Beaconsfield Year 5 and 6 IMSS students. It was a fantastic celebration of student music with over 200 students from 12 schools forming a mass orchestra and choir. Well done to the following students on their performance: Jessica Forrest, Phoebe Stejskal, Nikki Atkinson, Blake Mocilac, Ruby Vansleve, Jem Wilson, Noah Wilson, Alex Bauk, Zara Veverka, Art Jauncey, Sam Henderson-Kelly, Annabel Knowles, Darcy Gifford, Carissa Kurowski, Rohan Morrison, Elijah Hemara and Joyce Auldust. We are very proud of you! We were also fortunate enough to see the talented offspring of two staff members, Mel Thomas' son, Jessie; and Mercedes Ascencio's daughter, Sara.



Mobile Phone in Schools Policy

Last week, the State Government announced a new Student Mobile Phones in Public Schools policy to take effect from the start of Term 1, 2020.

The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on aeroplane mode during this period.

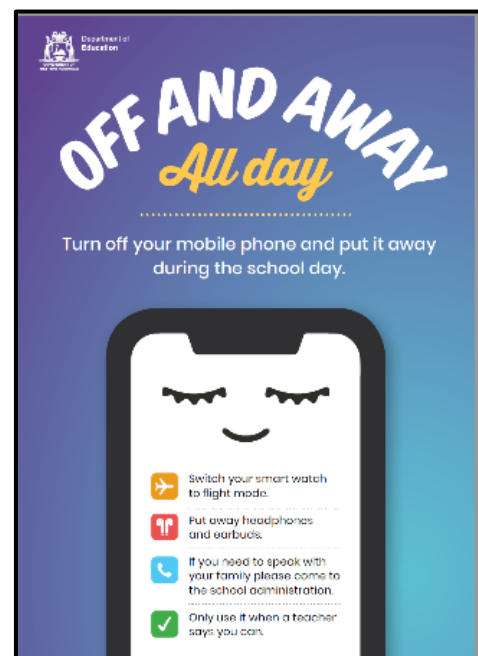
This has been introduced to;

- reduce the potential for learning distraction,
- protect the privacy of staff and students,
- improve health and wellbeing of students, and
- reduce opportunities for cyberbullying during school hours.

The requirements for primary students are;

- Kindergarten to Year 6 students are not permitted to have mobile phones in their possession during the school day, and
- if a student brings a mobile phone to school, they must be stored in a place determined by the school.

As we already have a phone use policy that meets these minimum requirements, there will be no changes for our school. Our existing policy will remain in effect. This is available on our website.



We have recently enrolled a number of new Beaconsfield students for 2020. It is wonderful to hear that the word about our great school is out there! Many of these new families have come to us via word of mouth and on the back of your recommendations. Thank you for spreading the word about our beautiful school and please let people know that we still have some capacity for enrolments next year. If you are not returning to Beaconsfield in 2020 please notify the office or your child's classroom teacher.

Kirsten Dicker
Principal

Girl's Multi Sports Carnival

On Friday the 18th of October a majority of the senior girls of Beaconsfield Primary attended the girl's multi sports carnival. Each team competed in round robin games of Cricket, AFL and Netball. Most of the girls already knew how to play netball but AFL and cricket were both quite a challenge. At the end of the day the year six team won the West Coast Fever cup for netball. In conclusion the day was very fun and all the girls participating tried their hardest all day!

Lena



Year 3-6 Swimming Lessons

For the past two weeks our Year 3-6 students have been attending In-Term Swimming lessons at Fremantle Leisure. From those learning the early basics to our advanced swimmers learning group survival techniques, all participants thoroughly enjoyed the program and represented our school beautifully. The bus drivers and swimming teachers all made comment of the sensible and respectful behaviour our students consistently demonstrated over the two weeks. Well done to those who progressed to the next level or even higher in some cases. To those who unfortunately missed out there will be another opportunity for our Year 3 -6 students to make the grade in their In-Term swimming in Term 1 2020.

