



**BEACONSFIELD**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# The Beacon

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Tuesday November 26**

Kings Park excursion Yr 2  
REmida incursion Rooms 17 & 18

### **Wednesday November 27**

REmida incursion Room 16

### **Friday November 29**

Room 20 Assembly  
Social Dance lessons Yr 6

### **Friday December 6**

Faction assembly  
Social Dance lessons Yr 6  
Kindy orientation – Session 2

## **Dear Beaconsfield Primary School community**

We are busily making our way to the end of the year! There are lots of events and dates to remember so please keep an eye on Connect and the website for updates and reminders.

Today we welcomed 65 new families into our school during the first Kindy Orientation sessions. It was wonderful to meet our newest students and see them make new friends and familiarise themselves with our early childhood area. Our school is growing and next year we will have four kindy classes, with Kindy Yellow operating alongside Kindy Turquoise. It is exciting to see our school flourishing and to hear the positive feedback that has filtered from our community to our new families.

## **Open night**

We invite all members of our community to join us on Wednesday 11 December as we celebrate another wonderful year. Our classrooms will be open from 4:30pm – 5:30pm so that you have an opportunity to explore the teaching and learning that has taken place throughout the year. We then welcome you to move to the side oval to take part in a community event. The Mucky Duck Bush Band will entertain us from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Food will be available, with further information to come. We thank Avril Mulligan for organising the night's entertainment, and the P&C for their support of the night.

## P&C

The P&C met on Thursday, 7 November. Our President, Stef Conod, unfortunately needs to step down. We thank her for taking up the role earlier this year, in what has been an incredibly busy time in her life. I know I speak on behalf of the school community when I thank her for her hard work. The P&C now needs to find a new President. Without one, the P&C will lapse, and with it, all the wonderful community building events and fundraising. The role of the president is to chair meetings, liaise with the school and provide a valuable link between the school and the community. Our P&C committee is a fabulous group of parents who are linked by their desire to see great things happening in our school. If you are interested in this role, please let us know. The next meeting is Wednesday, 4 December at 7:30pm in the staffroom.

## Game Changers Awards

This Saturday, eight students will be competing at the Game Changers event in Joondalup. The Game Changer Awards is an opportunity for STEM inspired students to create solutions to the world's challenges, and compete with other students from across the state. Our students have worked on their projects throughout the year, and have been supported by Brett Morellini. These projects will be showcased to other students, teachers, their families and judges on Saturday. We wish Phoebe Stejskal, Estella Vigh, Annabel Knowles, Tom Wilkinson, Connor Barclay, Zara Veverka, Thomas Jackson and Jack Brazier the best of luck on Saturday. Thanks to their families for supporting this event and to Brett for all the hard work and dedication towards this wonderful opportunity.

## Interschool Carnival

Two weeks ago, I was lucky enough to accompany the interschool team to Santich Park. I was impressed with their athleticism, but more impressed by their sportsmanship and exemplary behaviour. It was so noticeable, that parents from opposing schools made comment on the way our students interacted with each other and other competitors. They all did a fabulous job and demonstrated our school values. Well done to Jayde Ververka for winning Intermediate Champion Girl. She was the one to watch on the day and amazed us all with her incredible performance. We are very appreciative of David Andersson's organisation of our team in what has been a very busy term for him. Thanks must also go to the supervisory team, who admittedly did not have lot to do with such a well behaved group of students. They made the day easy for Nikki Wiseman, James and Elise. Thank you to Mairead Robertson for working the podium run!

Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

**Kirsten Dicker**  
Principal

## Parliament House of Western Australia Excursion

Students from Rooms 15 and 16 enjoyed a day away from school visiting the Parliament House of Western Australia. We engaged in a treasure hunt, deciphering clues to answer questions related to the landmarks on the grounds and surrounding area of Parliament House. We then joined our guide for a very secret tour of the inside of Parliament House (no cameras allowed), delving into the history of Western Australia's Parliament, and acting out the process of passing a bill in the Legislative Assembly. A fun day was had by all, despite not finding any golden chocolate coins on the treasure hunt!





## Kindy News

This week our Kindergarten classes had our 'Dress up as a Pirate, Mermaid or Merman Day'. This was to conclude our 'Ocean' theme. We made our own treasure maps, went on a treasure hunt and played lots of games. We even made our own boats and tested if they floated. What fun we had!



## Rottnest Campus News

On Monday 18 November, we had a visit from Mr John. He was here to be involved in an induction to Kindy for the newly enrolled island students who will begin school in 2020. Students and parents arrived at 9:00 and participated in a variety of activities until recess. Everyone at school was encouraged to be involved in a *Sea-Themed Dress Up* for the day. The costumes were very creative! Parents enjoyed morning tea while the students played in the sandpit.



## Choir News

On Tuesday 19 November, 23 members of the choir returned to St Paul's Elders Morning Tea to sing for the guests and serve them morning tea. They sang four songs in the beautiful acoustics of the hall, including a Christmas song that the elders sang along with. The choir members conducted themselves with maturity and kindness as they asked questions of and

shared stories with the elders, and there were many comments made about their wonderful representation of our school. Highlights of the trip were definitely the quiche and cupcakes, and Freya Knowles from Year 4 even managed to come away with the quiche recipe to share around! We look forward to continuing our relationship with the St Paul's community with another visit next year.

*Ms Mulligan  
Music Teacher*



## Sport News

On Friday 13 November, 45 students from Years 3-6 went to Santich Park for the interschool athletics carnival. Students' competed in several events such as; shuttle relay, zigzag relay, multipassball, long jump, leaderball, sprints, throwing and long distance races. Some of the event winners include Jayde (who also won champion girl out of all six schools) Raian, Isaac, Gulsha and Zara. The Year 5 girls shuttle relay team also took home a win. There was an incredible amount of sportsmanship shown on the day, and it was great to see the amount of effort that everyone put in. We would also like to thank Mairead Robertson, Ms. Wiseman, Mr. Andersson, James, Ms Bohemia, Ms. Dicker and everyone else that helped out and made everything possible.

*By Georgia and Raian*







Well done to Zara and Jayde who represented Beaconsfield at the 2019 Champion Schools Track and Field competition. Zara made the finals of the 100m and came 6th. Jayde won the 80m and came 2nd in the 400m. Congratulations.



Congratulations to Duru who represented PCYC Gymnastic club in Singapore. She received a medal on vault, floor, uneven bars and balance beam. She is part of the silver-medal-winning team and the Final four at the In Prime Invitational 2019 competition held in Singapore.



## School Nurse

Talk soon. Talk often. A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex is an excellent (free) book available from [http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S\\_T/Talk-soon-Talk-often](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Talk-soon-Talk-often)

It is never too early to start talking to our children about our bodies. Life presents lots of opportunities to chat, ask opinions and make comments. Embrace these opportunities to have conversations.

'The Talk soon. Talk often.' book is for anyone who plays a role in raising a child of any age. It has recently been updated following consultation with parents and professionals working in education. There are many quotes in the book from these parent consultations.

Your school is able to order the books or it is available in pdf form from the above site.

Puberty is an interesting time for children and their parents. Children may become bewildered or embarrassed about what is happening to them. It is important to talk to your child about the physical and emotional changes that come with puberty. Many children will start to compare his or her body with others. Remind your child that people come in all shapes and sizes. It's also important that you don't compare your child's body with anyone else's body.

*Margie MacFie – School Nurse*

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