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BEACONSFIELD The Beacon

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Friday 14 August

Room 1 Assembly

Monday 17 August

Science Week Science Tabloid

Thursday 20 August

Interschool Cross Country

Friday 21 August

Pupil Free Day

Dear Beaconsfield Primary School community

A belated welcome back for Term 3! This is the first newsletter for the term and what a term its shaping up to be with the planner full of athletics events, excursions and incursions, performances and, one of the most significant dates on the calendar, Year 6 camp! Staff, students and parents alike appear to be enjoying a return to almost normal life after an eventful year, and it's been wonderful to have the sense of community back with parents back on site. A quick reminder that students are not to be on site unsupervised before 8:15am or after 3pm.

A message from Ms Dicker who has been away all this week: Last year, Beaconsfield Primary School applied and was selected to be part of the Centre of Excellence in the Explicit Teaching of Literacy. The Centre is a joint venture between Curtin University and the Department of Education and over the next three years, 60 schools across WA will be chosen to take part in the internship program. This week Carolyn Park and myself have undertaken professional learning at Curtin, and visited a number of schools across the metro area to watch the explicit teaching of literacy. We have spoken to many students, teachers and principals who have seen great results from this approach. The week culminated in a visit to Kingston Primary School in Australind, and an overnight stay in Bunbury, with even more lectures! It has been a week full of learning and

looking at how we can continue to improve on the great teaching already happening at Beaconsfield. We are now on the bus headed for home, ready for a rest and looking forward to getting back to our school next week to begin planning for its implementation.



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Assemblies

Thank you to all the parents that attended our first community assembly in what feels like a long time, it was fantastic to have you all there to see our Preprimaries put on a sensational show for the first assembly back. It's great for everyone to see all the hard work you do in class. Well done to all the Pre-primary staff on getting them ready for their big day. A reminder that assemblies take place on Fridays of even weeks, the next will be 14 August.

Nature Playground

Assembly wasn't the only highlight for our younger students - after watching it gradually come alive through the protective fences over the last term our Pre-primaries and Kindies were finally able to explore and enjoy the new Early Childhood Nature Playground. Not only have they been experiencing amazing things and playing new games together but by all reports they're also doing a fantastic job of looking after it too. Many thanks to the P&C for their contribution to the project.



Cross Country

On Thursday the 29th of August students from years 3-6 made their way down to the bottom oval for the faction cross country. Congratulations to all students who completed the course and earned valuable points for their faction. It was very pleasing to see so many students giving their best effort and also cheering on their classmates. The final tally of points resulted in Lefroy finishing in fourth place with 86 points, Scott in third place with 137 points, Hampton in second with 180 points and Hale finishing in first place with 213 points. Well done Hale! The individual first and second places are listed below.

	1st Place	1st Place 2nd Place	
Year 3 Boys	Ruben Cole Vicuna	James Venter	
Year 3 Girls	Darcey Kruger	Ruby Cuffe-Cain	
Year 4 Boys	Kwasi-Ketewa Tettey	Abdelrahman Abdelrahim	
Year 4 Girls	Zoe Guettinger	Kaiya Grimbly	
Year 5 Boys	Nathaniel Lindstrom	Leon Valli	
Year 5 Girls	Raian Ferido	Georgia Merry	
Year 6 Boys	Noah Wilson	Rex Dickeson	
Year 6 Girls	Ruby Vansleve	Zara Veverka	

After lunch, students from Pre-primaryyear 2 gathered on the Bottom oval for the Fun Run. Students ran for 20 minutes with the aim to complete as many laps as possible. Thank you to all the parents and relatives who came down to support the events as well as the





teachers, faction captains and ICT leaders for their help setting up the sound system.

Pre-Primary Seahorse Eric Carle Animal Habitat Project

The Pre-primaries in Seahorse are being treated to a special Eric Carle art project led by Tara's mummy Veronika!

Veronika is a Teacher herself and runs her own art school - Expressive Hearts (https://www.expressivehearts.com.au) where Tara regularly volunteers her time in exchange for "hundreds of trillions of dollars"!

So far we have learned how to create textured paper "Eric Carle style", trace an animal template and use cutting/ripping techniques to create the background/habitat for our animal. This art project will accompany our animal habitat dioramas for Geography and Animal Rescue STEM project. We could not be luckier to have Veronika's expertise in Seahorse, thanks Veronika!



Year 1 News

Fe, Fi, Fo, Fum, I smell some hard working Year 1's!

Year 1 has started



this term off learning the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We have planted some magic seeds and a beanstalk grew THE VERY NEXT DAY!

We have heard the giant roaming the school - be on the lookout for a large man with a deep voice (Not Mr John!)

Have a great day,

Mr Oakley, Mrs Nottage and Miss Park

Recycling Nespresso coffee pods

Wondering what to do with your used Nespresso coffee pods? I have set up a bulk recycling box in our staff room for used coffee pods to be recycled. Once we've reached 1500 pods I call Nespresso and they pick up and take the pods to a recycling plant. This is wonderful for coffee lovers, but more importantly for our environment!

Please send your Nespresso brand only (otherwise they won't recycle them) pods to school in a bag (preferably compostable) or box, with your kids and have them bring them to me in Room 1. I

will then pop them in the recycling box in the staff room. It's that easy



Many thanks Miss Lechte

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L`Angolo Italiano

Benvenuti a tutti alla questa edizione di L`Angolo Italiano. Welcome to this edition of The Italian Corner.

Students between Year 2 and Year 6 were involved in the *Fammi Un Poster Italiano* competition, sponsored by WAATI (Western Australian Association of Teachers of Italian). Its purpose was to engage students creatively in language learning and promote Italian to the community in a fun and positive way.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Beaconsfield PS received numerous winners:

Year	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize	Commendation
2			Georgie Valli	Oscar Spencer
				Ania Watson
				Chloe Bates
3		Florence Jauncey		Olivia Lanzel
4	Archie Thompson		Henry Jones	Alexa Perrone
5				Chloe Eichorn
6			Nikki Atkinson	Isobel Marillier

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.

Students will receive their official certificates and prizes at the next school assembly.

If you missed out this year, don't despair because the competition will run again in 2021.

Signora Harrison



Chappy's Chat

Hi Beautiful Beacy Families,

For most of us, living in Perth, the initial Covid news and panic has been quelled. For many though, the impact of family and connections with Eastern Australia will still be impacting us for some time. Many children and grown-ups are discovering that their anxiety around Covid is catching up with them now, after a settling-in period. Sometimes, it is as if we hold out for the calm and when it doesn't come, things begin to get on top of us and we start to feel overwhelmed. We may also find ourselves picking up all the things we

said we wouldn't and we are back to pre-Covid busy, quite unintentionally!

Gratefulness can help!

Did you know that every time we do, say or think something a pathway is connected or reinforced in our brains?



Consciously listing the things, we are thankful for redirects our brains away from the issues that might be causing us to feel anxious, and trains our mind to view our circumstances with more light. Practising gratitude may be a useful strategy for the coming days and weeks. Take turns at the dinner table to list three things you're thankful for from the day. When those anxious thoughts creep in, distract your brain and stop them in their tracks by thinking about something you can be grateful for in the immediate situation. Record all the things you are grateful for in a book with the challenge of writing down something different every single time. Gratitude won't fix our circumstances but it will help us to travel through them looking out instead of in and with greater calm, resilience, focus and perspective.

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Check out 365 Grateful Project (<u>https://365grateful.com/</u>). The story of how one young woman overcame depression with her personal gratefulness photography project.

And always remember... if things are too much in your own head, talk to someone. Find the person who will say, 'I am listening, I am here for you, I believe you and I want to help.'

Chappy Renēe <u>Renee.Shapcott@youthcare.org.au</u>



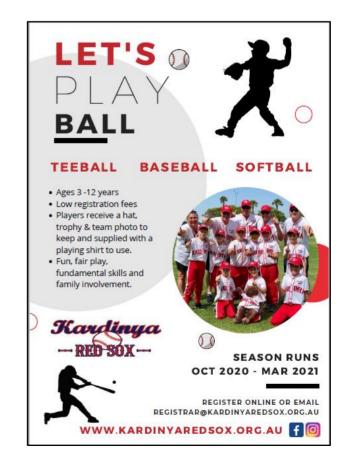
Library News

A very big THANK YOU to students and families who supported the library in last term's Library Book Clearance Sale. It was a great success and good fun for all. Students enjoyed shopping, negotiating prices and comparing bargains. I was very pleased to see how they treasured their purchases and hope that the rainy days on the holidays were filled with reading.

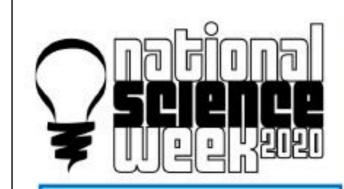
Thank you again for your support.

Miss Maggie Library Officer





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Community Photography Competition

Take a photo of a marine animal, plant or environment. This could be coastal, underwater or any other marine area.

Email submissions to <u>lauren.osborne2@education.wa.edu.au</u> Put "Community Photography Competition" in the subject line of your email.

Include your name and your association with the school in the body of your email.

Submissions due by 3pm 17th August

Student and Parent Colouring Competition

Students will receive a copy of the colouring competition in class on August 10th but eager parents and students will also find a copy attached to this notice.

Submissions due to front office by 3pm 19th August



17th August Mini Tabloids