



# The Beacon

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **November 18**

Stem Studio

#### **November 20**

Room 4 Assembly P&C Quiz Night

#### **November 25**

Stem Studio

#### **November 26**

Room 10 excursion to Cicerellos

#### **November 27**

2021 Yellow and Turquoise Kindy orientation

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

A big thank you to staff, students and parents for your support of Book Week. We had a ball! Whilst the dressing up is always fun (and sometimes stressful for parents), it was great to hear the students speak about their favourite books, authors and characters. We certainly have a school full of avid readers and I know that this is strongly encouraged by home and the classroom. The activities enjoyed across the week would not have been possible without the wonderful English Committee: Karen Mackin, Brooke Gray, Amy Borrill, Kate Langoulant, Sarah Williamson, Sarah Billingham, Carolyn Park, Dani Sukys, Julia Reay, Kathy-Ann O'Neil, Mercedes Ascencio and Maggie Hill. Some of the activities included guest authors who enthralled students, such as Renie Allen, Ash Bisdee and Bron Simpson. Our Year 1 students were lucky to work with Cheryl Lopez on a book week project. We thank these people for their time and dedication to developing a love of reading amongst our children.

On the subject of reading, I would like to thank our P&C and community for the donation of pre-loved books for our Kindergarten comprehension packs. With the expansion of our Kindergarten to four classes, it has meant there are fewer packs to go around. It was mentioned at a P&C meeting that some homes may have some of the books, ready to be loved and read again. Thanks to those families who brought in the books – they will be put to good use.

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## Remembrance Day Parade

Last Wednesday, our Year 6 students participated in the



City of Cockburn's RSL Remembrance Day Parade. This was attended by a number of schools and community representatives. Our staff were so impressed by the solemn and respectful attitude displayed by our children. Unfortunately, this couldn't be said for all schools, which made our students' mature and thoughtful demonstration of reverence all the more noticeable. I want thank our Year 6 students for understanding the importance of the occasion and upholding the values of our school. We are very proud of you.

#### **School Board**

Last week the school board met in a workshop to look at our latest survey results, (which we will share with you in detail next newsletter), and to determine how we are tracking against our business plan, which comes to an end this year. It was a great session, and the board was impressed with how far the school has come in the last three years, particularly in terms of academic progress, community engagement and developing a positive school culture.

At the meeting, the board endorsed our school development days for 2021. Next year they will be:

School Development Days 2021	
Term 1	Thursday, 28 January
	Friday, 29 January
Term 2	Friday, 4 June
Term 3	Friday, 20 August
Term 4	Monday, 11 October
	Friday, 17 December

There have been some changes to the board membership since the last meeting. Jane Ewers-Verge has resigned her positon and we thank her for being a strong voice and advocate for the students of Beaconsfield. We will run a nomination process next year to fill this positon. At our last meeting we welcomed Joan Jessup of Just Manna as a community representative. Joan brings a wealth of community experience to the board and through her work with Just Manna, is heavily involved in supporting some of our most disadvantaged students.

#### **Waste Wise School**

Last term, Sarah Lechte applied for our school to become an accredited Waste Wise school. This Waste Authority program provides support to schools across Western Australia to



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promote responsible waste management behaviours, with a focus on waste avoidance and recovery. It also develops positive environmental values in students and the whole school community. The program provides resources and support to schools for projects such as recycling, composting and worm farming. Sarah believed that these sustainability values sat well with that of our school community and she was successful in gaining a grant. I congratulate Sarah on her dedication to this project and look forward to seeing what she and the Sustainability team develop!

#### **Parking**

Just another gentle reminder to take care when parking around the school. The staff carpark should not be used as a thoroughfare or for student drop offs. This endangers the safety of students and families who are walking through this space. Can I also remind our community that unless you have an ACROD sticker, you should not be parking in the allocated disabled parking bays, even for a short amount of time.

Have a great weekend!

**Kirsten Dicker**Principal

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#### **Book week - Kindy**



We had a lot of fun celebrating Book Week in Kindergarten last week. We were very lucky to have a local author, Renie Allen, come in and read one of her books to the class. She planned some very fun activities for us to do after which were inspired by her book "Willie Wobblebottom and the Giant Boab Tree". We enjoyed spending time with our buddies from other classes. They read to us, we did a craft activity together and we played in our new playground. What fun we had dressing up as some of our favourite characters.

#### Mrs Hughes Kindy Turquoise





#### **Kindy Purple and Room 2**

We had such a wonderful time creating wild and imaginative creatures with our friends from Room 2. We were lucky enough to use



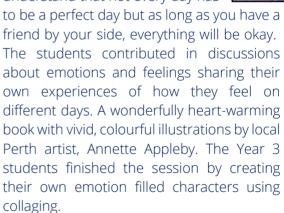
some amazing resources from REMIDA. Have a look at their wild creations!

#### Mrs Williamson Kindy Purple

#### **Book week- Room 1**

Perth author, Ash Bisdee, presented and introduced her heart-warming book 'Some Days'.

The book is about friendship, kindness and helps young children understand that not every day has



#### Miss Reay Room 1



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#### Year 3 Incursion - Fremantle Council

On Wednesday, Year 3 students enjoyed an incursion from the Fremantle Council who came out to educate them about waste management. This coincided with National Recycling Week and gave the students wonderful insight into how our school can better manage waste. They were shown the three different bins and interacted in a sorting activity, where they were asked to place different items in the bins. We are thrilled to have been asked by the Fremantle Council; to be a part of their trial for FOGO bins in schools. It will be well utilised here at BPS, with the goal to drastically cut down our food waste.





### **Girls Regional Cricket Carnival**

On Thursday, 12 November, 14 girls from Year 5 and 6 competed in the Western Australian Cricket Association's regional finals held at Yokine Reserve. Despite losing all four games, the girls improved significantly throughout the day, had amazing team spirit, sportsmanship skills and had an awesome time. Special mention to Georgia for her accurate freestyle bowling technique, Zara and Stephanie for some impressive batting and Raian for her efforts fielding. Gulsha also provided some musical entertainment on the bus home. Well done to all who participated.



#### **Rottnest Island News**

Last week the trip over to Beacy for the Book Week Assembly was so worth the effort! Our PP – Y5 students benefited by taking part in such a well organised event. Thanks also go to the teachers who willingly accepted our ankle biters into their classes for the rest of the day.



This week our students have enjoyed celebrating NAIDOC Week by being involved in a variety of integrated Indigenous activities. They have also learned about the importance and significance of Remembrance Day on Nov 11 at 11am.



