



BEACONSFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 30 – December 2

Book Fair

December 2

Volunteer Morning Tea

School Open Night

December 4

2021 Kindy orientation

December 11

Presentation Assembly

December 16

Year 6 Dinner Dance

December 17

Christmas carols at 2pm in the undercover area.

Last day of Term 4 and the 2020 school year

Dear Beaconsfield Primary School community

Today I took great pleasure in welcoming the next generation of Beaconsfield students and their families into our school. The 2021 Yellow and Turquoise Kindergarten students had the opportunity to explore their surrounds, make some friends and see how wonderful school is. They had a ball on the new junior playground and enjoyed making crafts before embarking on a tour of the school, led by our Year 6 leaders. Our current Kindy students had their turn in Pre-primary, while the Pre-primary students got a chance to try out the Year 1 classes. Next week our 2021 Orange and Purple students will have their turn to be 'big kids'.

On Wednesday I had the privilege of speaking to our aspiring student leaders. We had the largest number of nominations ever, with 80 students putting themselves forward to take up either a student leader, school captain, faction captain or ICT leadership position. This is indicative of the amazing kids we have here at Beaconsfield Primary. I took the opportunity to congratulate them on their decision to nominate, but also to remind them that we don't have 80 positions in 2021. We talked about how great leaders don't need a badge to lead, have an impact or make a difference. I have every confidence that all our students will continue to demonstrate our school values and lead with integrity, regardless of whether they win a leadership position next year. We also discussed election promises and campaigning, noting that it's not ethical to make promises that can't be delivered upon (like lollies and extra lunch time). I can only hope that in March, our state politicians demonstrate the same understanding as our Year 2-6 students!

Next Wednesday, our school will throw its doors open for our annual Open Night. Classrooms are open between 3:30pm and 5:30pm, including our specialist classes. Our wonderful P&C will be running a cake and snack stall as you wander through the classrooms. After that time, you are invited to join our school community for a picnic on the side oval until 7:30pm. There will be some music entertainment, including the school choir singing carols and family games. The P&C will be selling drinks and ice-creams only. The P&C is looking for donations for the cake stall (individual portions to be COVID-19 safe) and volunteers so that everyone has a chance to visit their child's classroom. You can sign up here:

<https://signup.com/go/KnrWbCS>

I want to thank Nicola and the P&C for helping to make the Open Night a community event. We are so appreciative of all their support and energy in making our school a wonderful place.

Speaking of our community spirit, I would like to thank Sara Bell and Anna Clippingdale for once again coordinating our school Christmas Giving Tree. This initiative, which ensures local children in need receive gifts at Christmas, epitomises our school community. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information.

Have a great weekend.

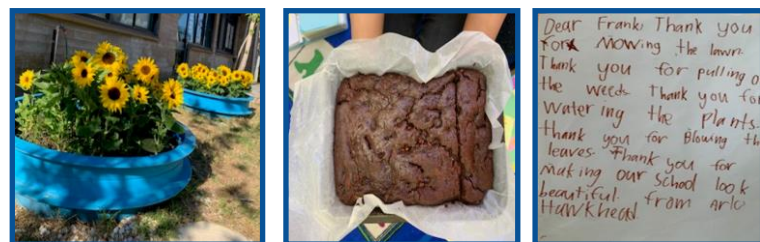
Kirsten Dicker
Principal

PP & Year 1 Science



In Science, Pre Primary Starfish, Seahorse and P/1 Stingray have been learning all about the needs of plants and other living things. As part of our learning, we planted sunflower and zucchini seeds in the school garden and visited regularly to care for them. Despite taking a little longer than anticipated, we finally saw results for our effort! We went down to the garden to pick the zucchinis and used them in class to make brownies!

Caring for our garden was a great opportunity to reflect on our school value of 'Community' and appreciate all the work that Frank the gardener does to take care of our school grounds. To show appreciation, each child wrote a thank you card which we gave him and we made sure he got a big slice of zucchini brownie too!



Chess Tournament

It has been an exciting start to the Chess Tournament. Congratulations to all the competitors and a big thank you to Ollie Bell and Ollie Pilmer for being such encouraging referees. It is so exciting to see the kids getting passionate about Chess. We will be continuing the tournament for the next few weeks on

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Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Stay tuned for an announcement on the champions.



It Takes a Spark



Students involved in the Beaconsfield STEM Studio have been to the It Takes a Spark Conference today at All Saints College. They proudly presented the work that they have been doing and taught students and teachers from other schools how to plan open-ended projects to solve world problems. They should be proud of the efforts they have put into making a success of this journey and for overcoming their fears around teaching the other teachers!

Well done to Abby, Alex, Saxon, Georgia, Art, Thomas, Jack, Violet and Yannick!

Sporting News

On Tuesday 24 November, Georgia from the West Australian Cricket Association (WACA) visited the school to teach the children some cricket skills.

This program will run over the next three weeks. Well done to all the children who are involved.



Chappy's Chat – 'Wonder'



I recently came across this piece on 'Wonder' by Sue King-Smith on the Innovative Resources web-blog. I loved it so much, rather than rewrite it... here is an excerpt for you.

Is wonder the most under-valued emotion? Wonder is an emotion that we often don't talk about. The dictionary describes it as 'the quality of exciting, amazed admiration; rapt attention or astonishment at something awesomely mysterious or new to one's experience'. It is a feeling that uplifts and creates a spark. It is a recognition, at a deep level, that something is worthwhile, unique and valuable. Wonder can motivate people to want things to change, not by creating outrage and anger, but by inviting them to imagine that the world has the potential to be an inspiring and beautiful place.

In many ways, now is the perfect time to be thinking about how we can bring more wonder into our lives. COVID-19 has forced us, as human beings, to step back and take stock. For some of us, this has enabled us to retreat from the usual busyness and clutter of our lives and find the wonder and joy in small things. Perhaps it has unwittingly become a type of disruptive wonder?

- Think of a time you felt really inspired. Where were you? What were you doing?
- When have you experienced joy, happiness or wonder?
- How did it feel in your body? What were you thinking?
- When was the last time you were genuinely surprised (in a good way)?

- Have you ever had a great big belly laugh?
- What do you do for fun? What silly or quirky stuff do you enjoy doing when no one is watching?
- Would you like more moments like these in your life? How could you make this happen?
- If you had a superpower that could transform the world into a happier place, what would you do first?
- What would you do differently if you could fly?
- If you were the happiest person in the world, what would your day look like? What would you have for breakfast? Who would be there with you? What would you do first? Second?
- Who supports you to feel like anything is possible?
- What are some things you could do that would bring more wonder and lightness into your life?
- Who inspires you? Who helps you see the world through new eyes?
- If you woke up tomorrow and life felt magical and alive, what would have changed?
- If you could do one fun thing right now, what would it be?
- For the entire article, including an interesting explanation of 'disruptive wonder' see the following weblink...

<https://innovativeresources.org/wonder-the-most-under-valued-emotion-for-creating-change/>

Breakfast Club – last one 3 December!

We will have our last Breakfast Club next week, Thursday 3 December.

Thank you to all the staff who have helped to make it an awesome way for kids to start their day. You know who you are, there each week to lend a hand. The students and Mrs Hill and I have really appreciated it. Thank you!



Volunteers needed!

Looking towards 2021...we would love to have some parent or grandparent volunteers, with the intention of growing it to more days. If this is something you are keen to assist with and you are available for an hour on a Thursday (or another morning?) please contact me or Deputy Principal Andi Hill.



Renee.shapcott@youthcare.org.au



2021 enrolments now open for before and after school care! Conveniently located on school grounds. Breakfast and afternoon tea is provided!

□ **Places are limited!!**

Please contact Steevie on

0435884887 or

beaconsfield@wanslea.asn.au

Guided Meditation FOR TEENS

Join Cat as she delivers guided sessions for teens.

**EAST FREO YOGA
MONDAYS 4:15PM - 5PM**

Full timetable at www.meditatewithcat.com



Beacy Primary Christmas Giving Tree 2020

Beacy Primary is collecting gifts again this year for children in need

Sky Service and Fremantle Mental Health have identified families in our area who are at risk of homelessness and will find it difficult to buy gifts for their children

We are looking for your help to provide a few small gifts for each child and some hamper items to help them celebrate Christmas



We have made some tags describing the children and what they like and will put them on the Giving Tree in the office. Class teachers will help Beacy students pick a tag to take home and we would appreciate it if you could purchase a gift and return it to the tree with the tag by Monday 14 December or return the tag to the tree if you don't want to participate. Parents are welcome to visit the tree and collect new tags or swap tags. Donations of non-perishable hamper items are most welcome. We will present the gifts to Centrecare at our end of year assembly.

Contact Sara Bell - esskaytee@gmail.com or 0400 798 015
Please write on tag what gift is.

Our annual **BOOK FAIR**

will be held in the school library on
**Monday 30th of November, Tuesday 1st
and Wednesday 2nd of December,**
from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Purchases can also be made at
recess and lunchtimes.

See you at the Beacy Book Fair!

Thank you for your support.

