



BEACONSFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Beacon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

16 – 18 February – Parent information sessions

16 February – P&C meeting
7:30pm school staffroom

17 February – Cristy Burne author visit

19 February – P&C Slip and Slide community event

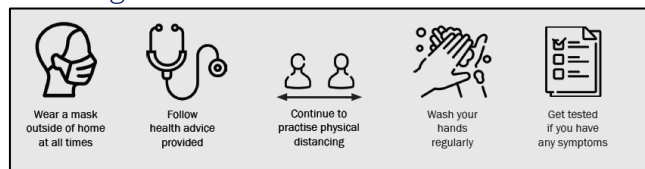
22 February – Year 3-6
Swimming starts

26 February – Room 18
assembly

Dear Beaconsfield Primary School Community

We finally made it to the start of term! A big welcome back to all our families and a special hello to those who join us for the first time. Thank you to everyone for your understanding and cooperation during this time. Hopefully, with the continuation of zero cases of community transmission, the restrictions that we have had to put into place for this week will soon be over. All going well, we should soon be mask free at school, and be able to hold larger gatherings from next week.

Thanks to everyone for following the COVID restrictions whilst on the school grounds. A gentle reminder -



During Week 3, we invite you into the classes for our parent/carer information sessions. This provides you an opportunity to not only meet your child's teacher, but to learn more about school processes, in addition to specifics about class routines, teaching and learning directions, and expectations for the year. It is a great opportunity to build on the partnership between school and home that is so vitally important for the success of your child's education. We understand that these times will not suit everyone. If you cannot attend a session, or wish for a more detailed conversation, you can book an additional time to meet with your child's teacher.

Wk 3	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2:30 3:00	Kindy Orange and Purple	Kindy Turquoise and Yellow	
3:30 4:00	PP Starfish Year 1 Rm 6	PP Seahorse Year 1 Rm 7	PP Stingray Year 1 Rm 8
4:00 4:30	Year 2 Rm 3 Year 3 Rm 1	Year 2 Rm 4 Year 3 Rm 2	Year 2/3 Rm 20
4:30 5:00	Year 4 Rm 15	Year 4 Rm 16	
5:00 5:30	Year 5/6 Rm 12	Year 5/6 Rm 13	Year 5/6 Rm 18
Wk 4	Tuesday		
2:00 3:00	IEC Rooms 10 and 17		

School Development Days

On the two School Development days at the end of January, our staff were involved in professional learning. On the Thursday, teaching staff worked with Growth Coaching International founding director, Grant O'Sullivan, to look at how we can use videoing of ourselves teaching and peer coaching conversations to advance our professional practice. It was a great session, and our staff are keen to implement it as we look at ways to improve outcomes for our students. Our Education Assistants worked with Fiona Carter from the School of Special Educational Needs: Behaviour and Engagement on Classroom Management Strategies.



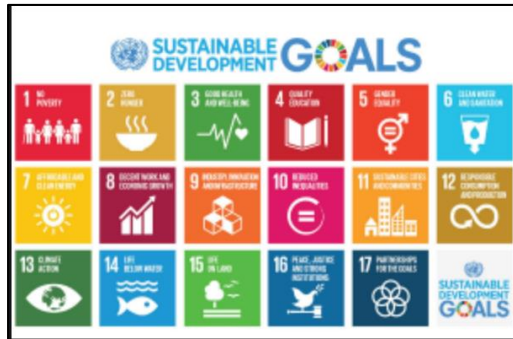
All staff came together on Friday for a session with Beaconsfield Primary's very own Regina Cruickshank from Yogazeit. Staff were led through how to incorporate Mindful Movement and Yoga into the classroom. The benefits of this in creating calm environments and optimal learning conditions, has been widely researched. Our staff thoroughly enjoyed both days and look forward to putting their learning into action.

The rest of the School Development Days, as approved by the Board are:

Term 2	Friday 4 June
Term 3	Friday 20 August
Term 4	Monday 11 October Friday 17 December

Sustainability

Changes to the Teachers' Industrial Agreement has resulted in an additional allocation of 30 minutes DOTT (duties other than teaching) for all primary teachers. We are very lucky to have the passion and expertise of Sarah Lechte, who has stepped out of the classroom for 2021 to work across the school in the area of Sustainability. She will work with students on honing their Critical and Creative Thinking through the lens of Sustainability as defined through the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals. More information on the goals can be found here: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals> This is something we are very excited about, and provides a unique opportunity for our students. We will be working alongside Curtin University and other organisations to develop this program.



The changes to the provision of DOTT also presented the opportunity to look at the timetable. We investigated different options, which were discussed with the Board. In the end, we have kept the start and finish times the same, but have chosen to reformat the periods. We analysed our behaviour data and investigated break times at other schools. We noticed that the longer the break time often resulted in a greater number of behavioural incidents. We have decided to trial two, equal break times of 30 minutes. Children may decide to have their lunch earlier and a snack later or vice versa. All staff will ensure that crunch and sip takes place at 10am, so please ensure that your child has fruit or vegetable to snack on at that time. See below for our new timetable. We will review this at the end of Term 1 and note that this only applies to our Year 1-6 students

8:30	Classrooms open
8:50-9:00	Mindfulness, Yoga, Fitness
9:00 – 10:00	Period 1
10:00 – 11:00	Period 2 (with crunch and sip)
11:00 – 11:30	Break 1
11:30 – 12:30	Period 3
12:30 – 1:30	Period 4
1:30 – 2:00	Break 2
2:00 – 3:00	Period 5

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please feel free to organise a meeting with me. I am always available to meet with families and enjoy the opportunity to catch up.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic Term 1.

Kirsten Dicker
Principal

Children’s Crossing on Hampton Road

The Hampton Road (near Scott Street) children’s crossing is being reviewed by the Children’s Crossing and Road Safety Committee. Two sets of surveys will be collated, during the morning and afternoon periods. In order for them to get a clear picture of the usage, please utilise this crossing if you live on that side of our catchment area

BeacyDads Rotto Camp 2021-

We are wanting you to get involved!
Dads and Kids Camp Friday 26 to Sunday 28 March

We want Dads, Grandads and father figures (or Mums if that suits you) to meet other Dads in our community, make friends, and have an awesome time with their kids for a two night camp on Rottnest Island- March 26 to 28th.

The cost of the camp (\$120 per family) and covers accommodation, activities with the kids, dinners and breakfasts (Ferry costs are NOT included in this price).

Register your interest by emailing beacydads@gmail.com and we will send you more info.