



BEACONSFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Beacon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

22 March

School photos

23 March

Kindy Purple and Orange photos

24 March

Board Meeting

26 March

PP Assembly
Rottneest Photos

1 April

Interschool Swimming Carnival
End of Term 1

Dear Beaconsfield Primary School Community

We have had a busy couple of days with the Swimming Carnival and Summer Carnival back-to-back. As always, I could not be prouder of the behaviour and attitude of our students. I'm impressed with their courageous ability to 'give it a go' and their sense of community spirit as they cheer others on. While it has been a tiring end of the week for our middle and upper primary students, I think the person feeling it the most is David Andersson. The organisation of two carnivals in a row is huge, not to mention the preparation prior to the events. We thank him and those teachers who have also worked tirelessly in the lead-up and on each days to ensure they were a success. None of this would be possible without the parent volunteers, who are always happy to help when needed. From coaching, scoring, marshalling, timing and announcing, we had a huge parent contingent assisting us. As always, this is the essence of our Beacy community and our staff is incredibly grateful for your support. We couldn't do it without you. Details of results will be included in the next newsletter.

We currently have an upper primary student undergoing chemotherapy for a type of Hodgkin lymphoma. During this time, their immunity will be compromised and therefore it is critical that families be vigilant in keeping their children at home should they be displaying any symptoms of illness, even the common cold. Of particular concern is the virus that causes chicken pox and shingles. If you are aware of this circulating in the community, it is important that you communicate this to the school.

I know that we had many community members participate in the World's Greatest Shave, either by donating or shaving their hair. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of one of our students, Leon Valli. Last Saturday, he participated and raised \$1,014.66 for Leukaemia and blood cancers. This also resulted in slick new do that ended up being very aero-dynamic in the pool yesterday. Well done Leon. The quiet, humble way in which you went about this is indicative of your personality and sense of humanity.

Thank you to Caz Park, Kerry Kelton, Leanda Watkins and Chris John for providing parent information sessions on reading, intervention programs and NAPLAN. We were thrilled that the sessions were so well attended and know that working together means better outcomes for our kids. I understand that those times would not have suited everyone. If you couldn't make it, there is plenty of information on your child's classroom Connect page. If you would like to ask further questions or want clarification, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

A parent has written to me after witnessing students running across the road without watching for traffic. While there were no cars travelling down Hale Street at the time, the outcome would've been very different if they had. It is a timely reminder for our students to be road safe aware, and also for those parking around the school to take care.

Also on the topic of roads and parking, we have had a number of complaints from residents about parents parking in their driveways. This is not the first time we have had complaints. It is disappointing to hear these stories, as we work hard to maintain good relationships with our neighbours.

Please demonstrate respect and lawful, common sense when dropping off and picking up your children. If you can't find a legal parking spot, or are running late, your child will be safe and looked after until you are able to collect them. Once again, I have contacted the City of Fremantle Parking team and asked that target this.

After a very busy week, I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Kirsten Dicker
Principal

What's cooking in Year 1?

The children in Room 7 have a delicious couple of weeks in Science. Over the last two weeks, they have been melting chocolate and



making bread as part of their learning of how materials can be changed. We melted chocolate by placing into a zip lock bag and holding it in our hands as tightly as we could. When making bread, the children added flour to water and mixed it in a bowl using a pop

stick. We had a go at squashing, stretching and twisting the dough. We made observations about how the materials had changed. Like all good experiments, at the end, we tasted the results!



Beacy Brainiacs

Mr Oakley has put together a maths problem for all the Beacy students to try and solve. Test your problem-solving skills out by clicking on the link below. A gold slip will be given to a student who answers any question correctly:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-RaA4P3Ru0yDsLdutDYWJ843xTov56RChJF9pyJbs5tUM081VlpHS1FREROSFpJM0INVjhUMkRPSi4u>

Rottnest News

It has been an interesting start to 2021 in many ways! Two new students joined us in Kindergarten this year, and we look forward to welcoming another two students who will arrive in May, one in Kindy and one in Year 1.

Students have been learning about the traditions of the Lunar New Year celebrations. This was especially exciting for one of our students, who is of Chinese heritage. He was able to tell us about some of the cultural events which take place over this 15day festival. Everyone enjoyed making red envelopes called 'Hong Bao' to give to our friends or family. We decorated the entry with a dragon, zodiac signs and Chinese hanging lanterns.



Two weeks ago, we invited the Constable Care Team to visit the class. They presented a very entertaining and educational Puppet Show called 'Fun Scary' to all the students. This performance was an ideal way to present the key concepts of protective behaviours to young students in an engaging and non-threatening way.



Harmony Day

Harmony Day began with a celebration of cultures during Room 16's tour around the world, visiting all the places students within the class once called home. All classes participated in an activity to bring about awareness of the importance of Harmony Day and the display of work in the undercover area was very impressive. During recess students, staff and families joined to have morning tea and it was a sea of orange and traditional dress. Whilst tunes from various countries played, students danced on the stage and played together, highlighting our respect and acceptance of our multicultural Beacy community.

Bec Tibbles

2021 Parent Board Representative Voting

As some of you may be aware, we ran nominations for a parent representative position for the board earlier this term. We had three nominations for the two positions, which is indicative of the wonderful support that we have from our community. Subsequently, we now have to run a voting process. Each registered parent/carer with students currently enrolled in our school is eligible to vote in the election.

Please expect an email containing a link to the online election 'survey' and your unique voting code. If you do not have an email address registered with the school, please contact our administration and we can provide you with the survey's online location and a unique voting code or alternatively, a paper form if necessary. The election will close on Thursday 1 April. You are encouraged to vote.

I would like to introduce our three board candidates, Ruhi Bassari, Tom Gourlay and

Mandy Hawkhead. They have both provided some information about themselves and I'm sure that they would both be happy to have a chat at the school gate if you have any further questions.

Ruhi Bassari:

My name is Ruhi Bassari. I have been a parent at the school since 2016 when my eldest commenced in Kindy. My husband, Pouya, and I now have three children at the school – Zach in Year 4, Harper in Year 1 and Seb in Kindy. I am keenly interested in the school and the development of a strong sense of community within the school.

I have volunteered on the School P&C now for four years in the role of secretary and would relish in the opportunity to be considered to serve on the School Board to assist in further improving Beaconsfield primary school from an administrative and business perspective. I have previously served on an educational Board in the capacity of chairperson, secretary and treasurer. Whilst I have a legal background I have worked in the governance, risk and compliance space for the past 11 years in management roles at Western Power. I have seen the school transform over the years and am keen on the opportunity to contribute to further bettering our lovely school.

Tom Gourlay:

My name is Tom Gourlay. Two years ago my wife and I enrolled our daughter at Beaconsfield Primary, and we have been deeply impressed with the educational opportunities, culture, and community that is fostered at the school. I hope to be able to serve the Beacy community as a board member, contributing my knowledge and expertise:

- I am a father of three small children, the oldest is in Pre-Primary at Beacy this year.

- I have 10 years' experience as a classroom teacher, and faculty head.

- I hold a bachelors degree in education and two masters degrees, one of which is in education.

- I currently work in a management role at Notre Dame University, and have done so for the last seven years. So I am familiar with relevant budgeting and planning processes.

- I have a variety of previous board experience, dating back to 2013.

- I am deeply interested in education, and the role of the school in maintaining and building the culture of the local community.

Mandy Hawkhead:

My name is Mandy Hawkhead. My husband Ruben and I are Beaconsfield locals and parents to our two boys, Dempsey and Arlo.

I've worked in the fields of Arts and Education all of my working life. I have experience working in the not-for-profit sector, in local government and as an educator, bringing a range of perspectives to the table. I'm currently an arts manager, a role in which I enable others to deliver projects, oversee a grants program, manage arts studios and contribute to the strategic direction of arts and culture in Fremantle. I am also working towards a Master of Arts (Fine).

I am a passionate advocate for the Arts in education and champion of the 'A' in 'STEAM' (versus STEM). The Arts are an essential ingredient in raising confident, communicative and self-expressive children; creative problem solvers with the ability to show initiative and adapt in our dynamic, evolving world.

As a potential member of the Board I am interested in understanding the workings of our school and influencing decisions

that impact positively on the emotional wellbeing of our children, ensuring they feel happy and safe. I am also a firm believer in the premise that children of all abilities must be well-catered for; the primary school years provide an amazing opportunity to encourage curiosity and instil a love of learning in all students. Of use to the Board and the school community at large, I believe I am an excellent communicator plus an approachable individual, with experience managing programs and budgets, an appreciation for the need for transparency and accountability, and grants know-how!

Book Fair

A big THANK YOU for your support with last year's very popular book fair, held in term 4. It provided an opportunity for me to purchase many new library titles for our students and staff to borrow. This year we are trialling having 2 book fairs. There will again be a pre-Christmas fair plus an earlier one in week 3 of term 2. Please look out for the exact dates and times in future notices.



Miss Maggie

A Gentle Reminder

All parents should have now received their child's Student update, green medical and the consent forms. Can you please return these to the front administration office as soon as possible. Thank you to those families who have already returned them.

Swimming Carnival Pics





School Holiday Fun

These April school holidays METRONET will have a full-scale model on display at Yagan Square, giving people an early opportunity to see inside Perth's new C-Series trains.

METRONET would like to invite you to share this information with your school families, to attend the free family-friendly event from Saturday, 3 April to Sunday, 18 April between 9am and 5pm.

Visitors can walk through the carriage and along with the railcar, there is a 1:50 scale model on display, and kids can get involved with a scavenger hunt.

Thursday mornings between 9am-10am are reserved for Quiet Hour, where the display will be low sensory to cater for those who prefer to experience the train in this environment. Walk-ins will be welcome and families wanting to skip the queue will be able to register for free VIP tickets at www.metronet.wa.gov.au/all-aboard.

If you need any further information on the event, or could share some promotional materials, please just let us know by return email or at 9326 3666.

As the biggest railcar order in the state's history, the METRONET Railcar Program will deliver 246 new C-series railcars to Perth's rail network. The trains will service an increased demand from METRONET projects and replace the A-series trains that currently operate on the Armadale/Thornlie, Fremantle and Midland lines.

Find out more about the Railcar Program and METRONET at www.metronet.wa.gov.au.

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TACKERS 1
 "HAVING FUN"
 TUESDAY 6 APRIL TILL FRIDAY 9 APRIL
 8:30AM - 1:30PM
 THIS COURSE AIMS TO PROVIDE CHILDREN WITH A FUN & SAFE WAY TO GET INTO SAILING AND IS DESIGNED FOR PARTICIPANTS WHO WISH TO HAVE FUN & LEARN THE BASICS OF SAILING THROUGH GAMES ON & OFF THE WATER.

TACKERS 2
 "TRICKS & TECHNIQUES"
 MONDAY 12 APRIL TILL FRIDAY 16 APRIL
 8:30AM - 12:30PM
 THIS COURSE AIMS TO BUILD ON THE FUN FROM TACKERS 1 & PROGRESS ON SAILING SKILLS. IF KIDS ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN SAIL A BOAT ON THEIR OWN WITH LOTS OF SUPPORT & SUPERVISION FROM THE INSTRUCTORS.

MEMBERS - \$247/COURSE **NON-MEMBERS - \$278/COURSE**

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