



BEACONSFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Beacon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 6 March

Public Holiday Labour Day

Wednesday 8 March

Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Thursday 9 March

Year 6 Camp Information Session

Friday 10 March

Assembly Room 20

Wednesday 15 - 27 March

Naplan Online Testing for Years 3 and 5

Dear Beacy

We're halfway through Term 1 and through conversations with staff this week it occurred to me that it's going to be an incredibly busy second half for all of us. The two Public Holidays take the number of school days down to 23, and those will disappear in a flash with events such as Swimming Carnivals, Early Years Reading sessions, the Student Leadership conference, assemblies, Harmony Day, excursions, NAPLAN testing for our 3s and 5, and parent-teacher interviews in Week 9 (dates and booking details to be released next week). With time passing so quickly, it's imperative that parents engage their child's classroom teacher if they have any questions or concerns, or just want a deeper insight into what they're learning in class.

In Week 7 our Year 3s and 5s will participate in the NAPLAN online testing program. Our position as a school on this process is simple: it's one test on one day that tells us more about the school's performance than individual children. We look for trends and progress in cohorts and select groups, as well as using the results as one of many sources used to make accurate judgements about student progress and achievement. Students need not feel anxious about these tests as everyone only wants each individual to do *their* best, not *the* best in each test. If you have any questions or concerns about the NAPLAN process please contact myself, Amy Borrill or your child's classroom teacher. Good luck to all those participating from March 15.

Chris

Beacy Brainiacs – Week 5

Hello Beacy – Beacy Brainiacs is back for 2023! I am looking to give away lots of PBS Points for courageous students who have a go at any of the Maths problems below. For your chance to earn a PBS Point, be courageous and try solving these problems. Send your answers along with any working out (attach a photo) to kyle.oakley@education.wa.edu.au or give to your class teacher and mention you are a Beacy Brainiac!

Congratulations to the following people for giving the Brainiacs questions a go last fortnight. They are gaining PBS points even at home:

Owen Bagley (Year 2)

Sienna Leca (Year 2)

Indiana Simpson (Year 2) – From Week 1's Newsletter

Stephanie Bagley (Year 4)

Ryan Hew (Year 4)

Daniel Hew (Year 6)

Pre-Primary, Year 1s and 2s



There are four children in Marie's family.

She is less than 11 years old and is the oldest.

There's a two-year age difference to twins, Grace and Lily, who come next.

Tom, who is older than 5 is two years younger than the twins.

How old are each of the children?

Year 3s and 4s

Six Beaconsfield teachers meet for lunch and shake hands with each other.



How many handshakes are there?

Year 5s and 6s

Anna has a new toy. It consists of four red marbles next to four blue marbles in a U-shaped track.

Anna can pick up any two consecutive marbles and place them, in the same order, at the left or at the right end of the track.

Then gravity brings them all together again.

Can Anna put the marbles in order red, blue, red, blue, etc., using the move described above?

If so, what is the smallest number of moves that it requires?

Suppose the balls in the track alternate in colour, starting with red on the left.

Can Anna find a sequence of moves that will put them back into their original positions, i.e., four red marbles followed by four blue marbles? If so, what is the smallest number of moves that she can make to do this?



J of the JOKE WEEK

Tell these side splitters to your friends 😊

Do you want to hear a construction joke?

Sorry, I'm still working on it.

Why should you never trust stairs?

They're always up to something.

I entered ten puns in a contest to see which would win.

No pun in ten did.

Two windmills are standing on a wind farm. One asks, 'What's your favourite kind of music?'

The other replies, 'I'm a big metal fan.'

Art News

Congratulations to art teacher Cathy Cooksey! You can see her artworks Cottesloe Sculpture by The Sea from now until 27 March at Cottesloe Beach. She is one of 70 artists selected internationally. Her work is a fusion of art and science to highlight fish health and sustainability, with a focus on dhufish. Find out how dhufish are aged using their ear bone! Did you know fish had ears? With bones in?

And they are beautiful, represented here in handmade porcelain by Ms Cathy. She hopes art like this can play a role in education leading to solutions to the mystery of declining numbers of ageing dhufish in our waters.

Recycle for Recess with your Containers for Change

Each term the P&C Sustainability Team sets a target for the number of 10c containers we would like the community to donate to the school. If we reach that target by the end of week 9, the students all get an extra 10-minute recess on the last day of term. We smashed it in Term 4 in 2022 and the children loved their extra free time, and the P&C loved it as we raised >\$500 from our containers in just 1 term!

There are two ways in which you can donate your containers:

1. You can deposit them in the bright blue containers for change skip bin, located just off school grounds on the Jenkin/Maxwell Street corner.
2. You can drop them into any C4C collection centre and give our code **C10270759** and the containers will be added to our account.

As an added incentive, you can take a photo of yourself or your children dropping off their containers and send them through to BeacySustainability@gmail.com and they will be added into a prize draw to win some cool C4C prizes.

And finally, did you know you can also **donate your juice boxes**? Most kids juice boxes will feature the 10c mark near the bar code so all you need to do is remove the straw and that's another 10c raised for the school.

Go Team Beacy!

Uniform Shop Now Stocks Waterproof Library Bags!

It took a little longer to get these from the supplier than we hoped, but we are proud to announce that the Uniform Shop now stocks waterproof library bags! Each bag costs \$10 and is constructed of similar highly durable material to the homework folders that we also sell and should last for many years.

But why do we need waterproof bags now? Can't we keep using the same old canvas bags? The answer is no because as the numbers of students at the school has increased, the numbers of water damaged library books have gone up. Last year, the library lost over \$300 of books to water damage. Any waterproof library bags are good, however the ones in the uniform shop come with a Beacy school logo on the front to make it clear where to return any library bags should they be lost on the way to or from school.

So, pop by the uniform shop when its open, 8:30-9am on Wednesdays or drop an email to the team on beacyuniforms@gmail.com to order one. And watch this space for the launch of our online uniform shop ordering coming soon!



Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Success

The P&C would like to give a huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped out at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 26th February and all the friendly faces from the school community who came to support. The team sold 484 sausages and 150 drinks raising \$1,284 for the P&C. Very impressive for a 37-degree day!!!



This total will be doubled by Andy Cameron's employer as part of their matched giving scheme, so can contribute even further towards the 2023 P&C plan which is to be finalised at the P&C AGM on Tuesday 14th March.

Go Team Beacy!

School Chaplain

Already it is week 5, can you believe it. I am thrilled to say I'm back. This year I will be working on Thursday's. Due to this we will be unable to continue the knitting club as our wonderful Mrs Maggie does not work on Thursday's. If you have any suggestions for clubs that you would like me to organise, I am open to suggestions.

Also, I'm on the hunt for an old letterbox that I may be able to put up near my office.



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For children and adults.**

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Calling all budding photographers!

2023 yard Photo Competition

Yard Property invites you to enter our Community Photo Competition where you can showcase and share what you love about our local area.

Entry Categories

My Yard · Lifestyle & Culture ·
Family & Pets · Kids - Under 12

6 MAR - 16 APR



Specialist Programs

Webex Information Sessions



Current Year 4, 5 and 6 students and their families are invited to learn about the Approved Specialist programs available at Fremantle College via online Webex Information Sessions. Separate sessions will be run for each of our Approved Specialist Programs:

Specialist Contemporary Music - Monday 20 March 2023 at 4:00pm

Specialist Marine Studies - Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 4:00pm

Specialist ICT - Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 4:00pm

Register Now