



BEACONSFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Beacon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 20-21 – Maths
Parent Workshop

February 22 – Naplan
parent Information session

February 23 – Year 2
Assembly

February 27 – Kindy
reading workshop 1

February 28 – Kindy
reading workshop 2

Dear Beaconsfield

Welcome to 2024!

It is with great pleasure and pride that I welcome all of the Beaconsfield Primary School Community back to the 2024 school year. As the new Principal to your wonderful school, I have been extremely humbled by the warm welcome I have received from the community, school staff and most importantly students.

As a community, it will become evident that all of my motivation behind any decision I make, will be based on the positive impact this will have on students. A big part of that is supporting our dedicated team of school staff that work with your children every single day as they are the people that make the biggest difference for your children.

While I am mentioning staff, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all of the Beacy staff. Our kids and community are so lucky to have such a united, committed and student focussed group of people making such a positive impact on our kids each and every day. As a new Principal, I am certainly grateful to have landed here and having the privilege to work alongside such a great group of people, every day as I walk into school, I literally pinch myself as I really couldn't ask for a better school to begin my time as Principal in WA.

Parents/carers, your ongoing support and partnership are invaluable to Beacy. Your involvement in your child's education, whether through volunteering, attending school events, involvement in your child's classroom, or simply engaging in meaningful conversations about their day, makes a significant difference in their academic success and overall well-being. Together, we can create a strong foundation for our students to thrive. Thank you so much for the welcome I have received, I have loved seeing so many families in the school at drop off and pick up and getting the opportunity to meet so many of you. The symbolism of having you all in the grounds regularly is powerful to the staff and most importantly the students here at school.

And to the most important people in our school, the students. I am so appreciative of the welcome and kindness I have received every single day at Beaconsfield. Our students are confident and their ability to welcome and interact positively with me is a credit to the people around them up until this point. It is clearly evident that there has been some incredible work put into our kids in previous years, as the positive energy is obvious from the second you step foot in the school. Beacy really is a special place, and I feel privileged to now be a part of this community.

Enrolments

2024 has seen an increase in student numbers which is always a positive for our school. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new families and all our Kindy families that may be apart of the Beacy community for the very first time. I trust the start to 2024 at Beacy has been positive and you are all excited for the year ahead.

Our current enrolment numbers are at 565 students. This includes 69 students in our IEC and 11 students at the Rottnest Island Campus.

Parent information Sessions

This week we hosted in class information sessions for families to learn how each class will operate in 2024. While I would like 100% of families to engage in this, I can also appreciate we all lead busy lives. Thank you so much to all the families that were able to make it. I am hopeful that families noticed a difference in these sessions, as we have taken on feedback from previous years to make these more specific to individual classes, and with the inclusion of the Parent Handbook, all parents now have all the whole school information at their fingertips as you need it through the year.

We have received feedback that parents would also like more sessions on how you can support your child at home. In the coming weeks there will be parent sessions on Reading and Literacy, Maths, NAPLAN and the resilience Project. All of these will give parents some extra tools to help your children further at home.

Rottnest Campus

This week, I had the amazing experience of visiting the Rottnest Island Campus for the very first time. This was a wonderful experience and something that I will never take for granted in my role as Principal of a split campus school.

I would like to thank the parents that came in to meet me, and those that were able to stick around for a chat. It was great to hear about the uniqueness of attending an island school, but also the opportunities that lay ahead for us all in the coming years.

The students were extremely welcoming, and we had a great time chatting about a range of things, and I loved watching how beautifully this multi age class operates.

Staff Café Orders at Paper Cup

A reminder that if you would like to surprise a staff member with a little treat to get them through their day, all the staff café orders are now at Paper Cup. Thank you so much to the families that have already surprised some of our staff. This had been greatly appreciated and means so much. It doesn't always need to be this though, it can also be a nice email, or a simple "Thank you" when you get the chance. I can guarantee you every staff member here does above and beyond what they are expected to do within their role description, so small tokens of appreciation help ensure this continues for our kids.

I Am Here to Help

I want to ensure that this community know I am available for parents and willing to talk with you in a range of formats. I am regularly out and about around the school in the mornings and afternoons, I am always willing to have a chat during this time. If you would like to sit down and talk in more depth about your child please feel free to contact the office to arrange a time to do so, or if you want to send me an email, my email is anthony.edwards2@education.wa.edu.au and I will do my best to respond in a timely fashion.

Please know that at any time you are talking with me, there may be a time that a student needs me, or just wants to chat. Our students know they are the most important people in our school, and I have promised them they will not need to wait for any adult to get help from or talk to me. Please don't think I am being rude if I ask you to wait, but if a student needs me any adult will have to wait.

Thank you everyone for a great start to 2024, I am beyond excited for the year ahead and getting to know all of you.

Yours Sincerely,
Anthony Edwards
Principal, Beaconsfield Primary School

Beacy Brainiacs

Hello Beacy – We are back for another great school year – full of Maths mind-benders to get you thinking at home. I hope your brains are well rested and ready to be tested with some of my Beacy Brainiacs this term! In Term 1 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!

First off – A bit of Maths magic for you right now – You may need a calculator:

1. Start with your shoe size. If you are a half size—for example, size 8.5—round up to 9.
2. Multiply your shoe size by 5.
3. Add 50.
4. Multiply that number by 20.
5. Add 1,023.
6. Subtract the year you were born—for example, 1991. Add 1 if you already had your birthday this year.



The first digit(s) are your shoe size, and the last two digits are your age.

Pre-Primary, Year 1s and 2s

Mrs Parore is hanging out her towels to dry.

She puts **two pegs on each towel.**

How many pegs does she need to hold 4 towels?



Mrs Parore sees that her peg box is running low.

She puts one peg on the corner of two towels.

This way she only needs 3 pegs for 2 towels.

How many pegs does she need for 4 towels now?

Further Challenge: How many pegs would Mrs Parore need for 10 towels?

Year 3s and 4s

Peter keeps a piece of string from a parcel that came for his birthday.

It is 30 cm long.

He plays with it and makes different shapes.

He thinks that all the rectangles he makes have the **same area.**

His sister Miri disagrees.

Who is right and why?



Further Challenge: Show that Peter can make a rectangle with area 24 cm^2 . Miri has a piece of string too. It is only 20 cm long. Can she make a rectangle with a bigger area than 24 cm^2 ?

Year 5s and 6s

Momma's Pizza Shed has the toppings ham, cheese, salami, chicken, mushrooms, tomato, bacon and pineapple. Jessie wants 2 toppings on her pizza.



How many choices does she have?

At Pizza Place there are 100 toppings available.

How many choices does Jessie have here?

Further Challenge: If a pizza shop has t toppings, in how many ways can Jessie choose 2 toppings?

J of the WEEK

Working on your stand-up comedy routine? Tell these jokes to your family and friends

What do you say on the last day of the second month?

February is ending today, but that's okay. We'll March on.

What month is the best for coffee?

Feb-BREW-ary

When is the best outfit for February 2nd?

A tu-tu.

PBS UPDATE

Our first fortnight has flown by and here are the totals for each faction. Students are working towards 1000 PBS points for 10 minutes of extra Recess. This fortnight our focus is on being "Organised and Ready to Learn". We can make sure we do this by having our items ready at the beginning of the day and using the toilets during break times.



Year 3 Glee Club at Beacy

Year 3 Singing club will be held on Friday mornings at 8am in Room 1. It will start on Friday of week 4 and will be lead by Miss Reay.



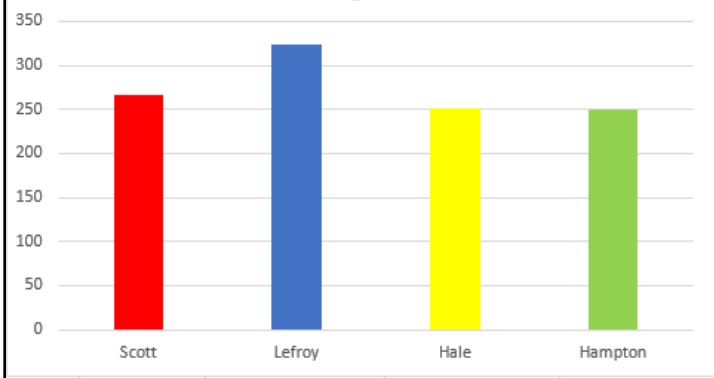
Miss Reay has a background in theatre and has renamed the group 'Year 3 Glee club' to express that this will be a performance group focusing on having fun and entertaining an audience.

She is hoping the group will perform at local aged care facilities and/or community events throughout the year.

If you have any connections to local aged care facilities or suggestions for community events the Glee club could possibly perform at, please email her julia.reay@education.wa.edu.au

All students that have expressed interest will receive a connect notice with details early next week.

PBS Fortnight 1 Totals



IEC Morning Information Session

This week we welcomed our new families to the Intensive English Centre (IEC). We were delighted to have over 60 newly arrived parents and caregivers in attendance. This year we have 5 Intensive English classes and have welcomed students from a range of countries such as Bhutan, Japan, Portugal, Iran, France, China and the Netherlands.

Rottnest Campus Swimming Lessons

The Rottnest Campus scored a sunny week for swimming lessons at beautiful North Thomsons Bay. Although it was warm weather, all children were wetsuited up to withstand the morning breezes and definitely displayed their courage and resilience when pushing on for the hour long sessions. We are so proud of all of our students and I know the children are very proud of themselves. Great job Rotto kids! We are so excited to test out our skills at the Swimming Carnival.



Gratitude

Working on gratitude helps us to be thankful and appreciate what we have in our lives, rather than focusing on what we don't have or what we want. When we practise being grateful, we start to scan the world to look for positives – this only takes 21 days!



Practising gratitude every day increases our levels of energy, helps us to feel happier and more focused, determined and optimistic. It even helps us have a better sleep, lowers levels of anxiety and depression and we are less likely to get sick. So many benefits – let's all try to be grateful for the things and people in our lives every day!

Whole Family Activity:

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

- As a family create a scavenger hunt list of things that make you happy or you are grateful for, you can make your own list or use the examples below:
 - Something that makes you happy
 - Something you love to smell
 - Something you enjoy looking at
 - Something that is your favourite colour
 - Something you like in nature
 - Something that is useful for you
- Each member of the family uses the list, and has to find as many things as they can.
- You can hunt for things inside or outside, or both. You can hunt for real things, or you can also do this using magazines or pictures from the internet.
- After a set amount of time hunting, come back together, have a look at what each person collected and let them explain why they are grateful for each item.

Family Habit Builder:

Every night at dinner, have each person talk about their favourite thing about that day.



Parent/ Carer Reading Workshops

Kindy 1	Tuesday February 27	2:15-2:50
Kindy 2	Wednesday February 28	2:15-2:50

In the Kindergarten workshop, Miss Park will cover the pre-reading skills your child needs for reading success in the future. She will offer tips and tricks to easily incorporate these into your home-life. Miss Park will show you the pre-reading skills we teach at school to prepare your child for reading.

Pre-Primary	Tuesday March 5	2:15-2:50
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In the Pre-Primary workshop, Miss Park will cover how we teach beginner readers, why we teach it this way, and how you can support at home.

Year 1	Wednesday March 6	2:15-2:50
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In the Year 1 workshop, Miss Park will cover how we teach the increasingly complex skills of reading and writing and how you can support at home.



ALL ARE WELCOME

QUICK STIX
LACROSSE
INVADE



THIS SUMMER TRY QUICKSTIX

There has never been a better time to try lacrosse with Quick Stix Invade coming to East Fremantle on Friday evenings this February.

Bring a friend, bring your fast feet and bring your game face with East Fremantle running a five-week program Quick Stix program every Friday starting **2 February 2024**.

Quick Stix is great for children of all ages up to 12 years old (as young as 5!) and experience levels and at a cost of only \$50, there is simply no better way to keep the kids active this Summer. You also don't need any gear with lacrosse sticks provided, so it really is as simple as just signing up and showing up!!

To register, or for more information, click on the QR code to the right or email East Fremantle's Quick Stix co-ordinator at development@eflc.com.au

Every Friday from 2 February 2024 to 1 March 2024 || 4:30pm - 5:30pm

register here >>>



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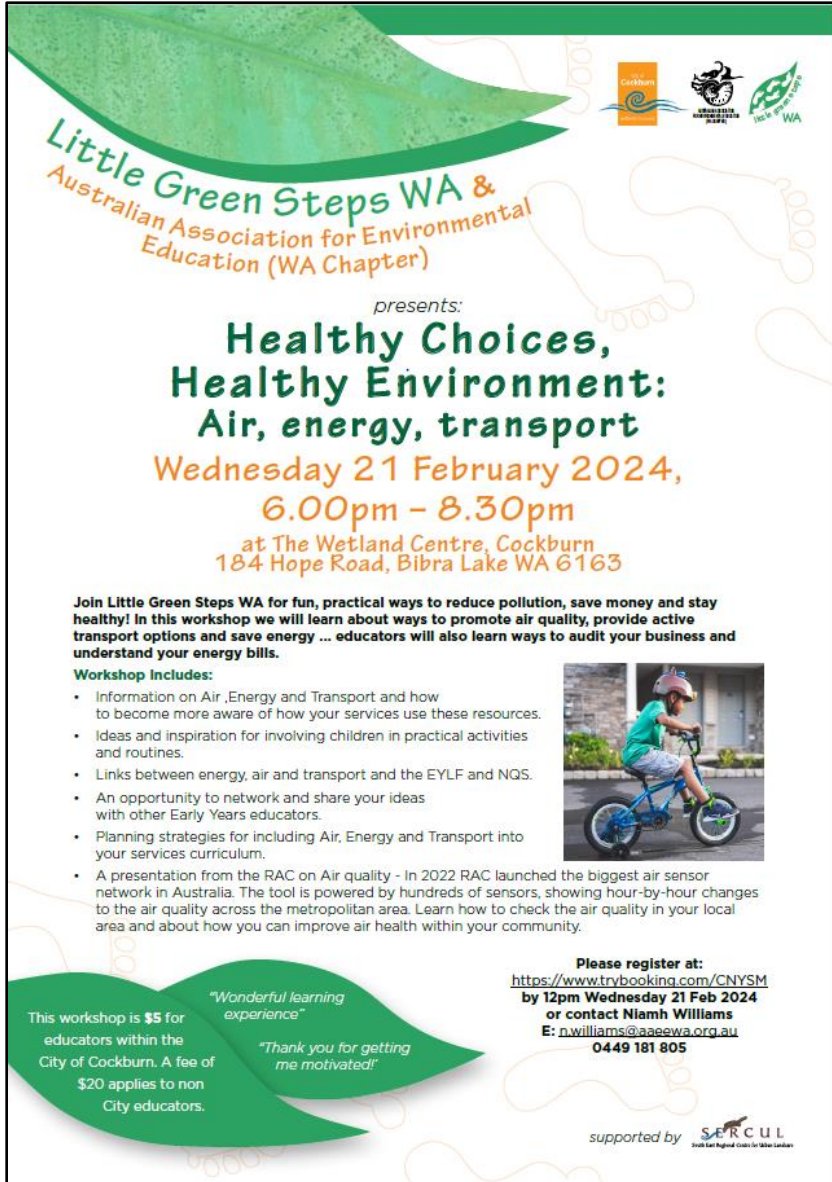
SPEAK UP!

Find your voice and join
Fremantle Gavel Club
Public Speaking for kids

Did you know...
People are more scared of public speaking than being eaten by a shark!



FORTNIGHTLY MEETINGS HELD ON
TUESDAYS @ FREMANTLE PARK CLUB
CONTACT STEVE FOR MORE INFO 0457784726



Little Green Steps WA & Australian Association for Environmental Education (WA Chapter)

presents:

Healthy Choices, Healthy Environment: Air, energy, transport


Wednesday 21 February 2024, 6.00pm - 8.30pm

at The Wetland Centre, Cockburn
184 Hope Road, Bibra Lake WA 6163


Join Little Green Steps WA for fun, practical ways to reduce pollution, save money and stay healthy! In this workshop we will learn about ways to promote air quality, provide active transport options and save energy ... educators will also learn ways to audit your business and understand your energy bills.

Workshop Includes:

- Information on Air, Energy and Transport and how to become more aware of how your services use these resources.
- Ideas and inspiration for involving children in practical activities and routines.
- Links between energy, air and transport and the EYLF and NQS.
- An opportunity to network and share your ideas with other Early Years educators.
- Planning strategies for including Air, Energy and Transport into your services curriculum.
- A presentation from the RAC on Air quality - In 2022 RAC launched the biggest air sensor network in Australia. The tool is powered by hundreds of sensors, showing hour-by-hour changes to the air quality across the metropolitan area. Learn how to check the air quality in your local area and about how you can improve air health within your community.



Please register at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CNYSM>
by 12pm Wednesday 21 Feb 2024
or contact Niamh Williams
E: n.williams@aaeeewa.org.au
0449 181 805

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This workshop is \$5 for educators within the City of Cockburn. A fee of \$20 applies to non City educators.

"Wonderful learning experience"

"Thank you for getting me motivated!"



Quiz Night Fundraiser

Kids Are Kids!

Raffles!
Auction!
Games!

6.30pm - 10pm
22nd February, 2024

South Perth Community Hall

Ticket \$25
Bar will be open (no byo), bring nibbles.

This is an accessible event.

Eftpos facilities available, cash accepted.

For more information
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