



BEACONSFIELD
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Beacon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18 – Student Leaders Conference

March 19 – Swimming Carnival

March 21 – Harmony Day Assembly 9am. Rooms 10 & 11 presenting assembly item

March 22 – Summer Carnival.
P&C Rottnest Dads Camp

March 26 – Perth Zoo excursion Rms 20/21/22

On the Countdown to Easter!

It's so hard to believe that we are already at the end of Week 7 of Term 1. It feels like only a few days ago that we welcomed the community back to 2024, and before we knew it, we are now looking to the first holidays for the year. While there have been some struggles and triumphs, overall, we have had an amazing start to the year.

Enrolments

Our school continues to grow, which is great to expand our wonderful Beacy Community. We are now at 580 students, which includes 75 students in our Intensive English Centre and 11 students on the beautiful Rottnest Island Campus.

School Board

You may have seen the communication I sent earlier in the week in relation to the change of the School Board Chair role. Dan Coffey that has been in the role for the past two years put it to the board if anyone would take on the role, and Ruhi Bassari was appointed to the role by the Board at our first meeting. Dan will remain as a member of the Board, and we are all thankful for his commitment to the role during his time as Board Chair. We also welcome Ruhi to the role and thank her for committing to this for 2024.

P&C

This week, we held the P&C Annual General Meeting. As Principal I am extremely excited by the number of parents that have been attending the meetings this year, and also people that are in the right mindset of having a positive contribution to our school. There is always space for new people to join as having a wide variety of parents at the meetings mean that I am more able to use this parent group as a sounding board for ideas and school direction.

As a part of the AGM the 2024 Executive Committee was elected. I want to sincerely thank Prue Riley (Outgoing President), David Spencer (Outgoing Vice President) and Holly Kemp (Outgoing Secretary) for all of your hard work and commitment to our school over the past few years while you have been in the roles. These roles require a significant time commitment, and it is often thankless, but I know that the time and efforts are very much appreciated by all of us, and I am sure you have contributed to making Beacy a better place for kids during your time in the roles.

I also want to acknowledge the new Executive Committee;

President – Anne Cameron (Also outgoing treasurer)

Vice President – Lindsay Walton

Secretary – Acacia Simpson

Treasurer – Mili Munita

Ongoing Executive Team;

Bree Carlson, Gail Crawford and Kate Walker.

To all the parents listed above, I want to thank you for your ongoing support of our school. All of us are lucky to have people like you doing what you can to make Beacy the best it can be for all our kids. I look forward to working alongside all of you in 2024 and beyond.

Looking after those people that look after your kids every day

One of the secrets to having a truly student-centred school, that puts the needs of students at the heart every single day, is having school staff (those that have the biggest impact on our kids) feeling supported and energised in the important work they do. As Principal, I know this is a big part of my job and there is not a day that goes by that I don't try to show as much appreciation as I can for the wonderful staff at Beacy..... But I can't do this alone. Parents play a vital role in the wellbeing and performance of school staff, and it is the support (or lack of support) that will make the biggest difference. Think about what you can do to support the staff your child works with, and what are the little things you can do regularly to make sure these people are appreciated in the work they do that is well above what they get paid to do for our kids every day. It can be a thank you, asking how you can help, a nice letter or email, a coffee using the list set up at Paper Cup, it can be anything as long as it's positive.

The idea is **our kids are the most important people in our school**. They are the "client" for all of us to support and we all need to support those people that support our kids. As parents, don't underestimate your role in this.

We are all extremely lucky to have such a committed group of school staff that love your kids and pour all of their heart into the work they do. Let's make sure they know we appreciate them.

Mr Anthony Edwards
Principal

Beacy Brainiacs – Week 7 Term 1

Hello Beacy – 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!

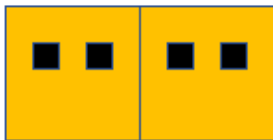
Pre-Primary, Year 1s and 2s

In a certain city, houses have to be built in a particular way.

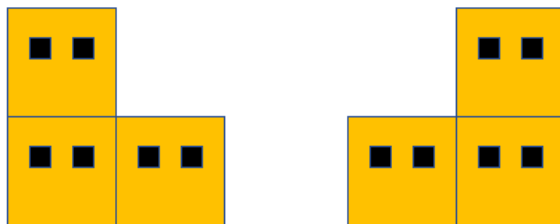
There have to be two rooms on the ground floor and all other rooms have to be built on top of these.

Families are allowed to build just one room for each person living in the house.

So a house for two people would look like this:



but a house for three people could look like one of these:



What might a house for four people look like?

In how many different ways could a family of four people build their house?

What about a house for five people?

In how many different ways could a family of five people build their house?

What do you notice?

Year 3s and 4s

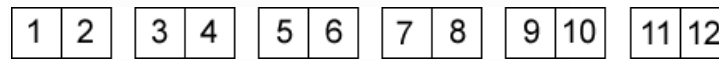
Ben's class were making number tracks and cutting them up.



First they cut them into twos. Ben started with zero



but Miles started with one:



Then they both added up the numbers on each piece.

Ben wrote: $0+1=1$, $2+3=5$, $4+5=...$

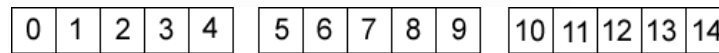
Miles wrote: $1+2=3$, $3+4=7$, $5+6=...$

What patterns could they see?

Alice cut her number track into 3s and added up the numbers on each one.



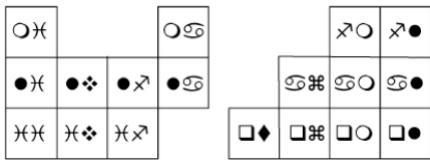
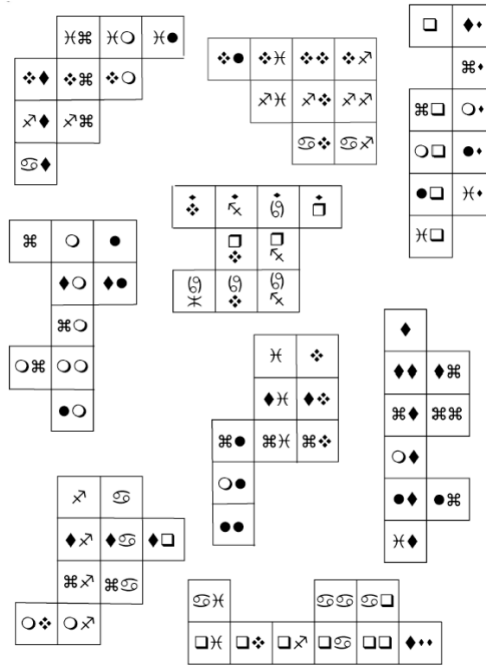
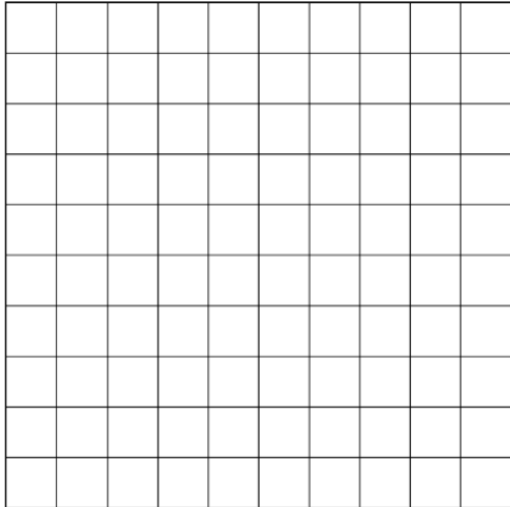
Winston made a longer number track which he cut into 5s and he added up the numbers on each one.



What could they discover about the sum of the numbers on their strips of number track?

Year 5s and 6s

This hundred square is written in code. It starts with one and ends with a hundred. Can you build it up? How did you do it?



JOKE OF THE WEEK

Tell these jokes to your family and friends – you surely will get a laugh!

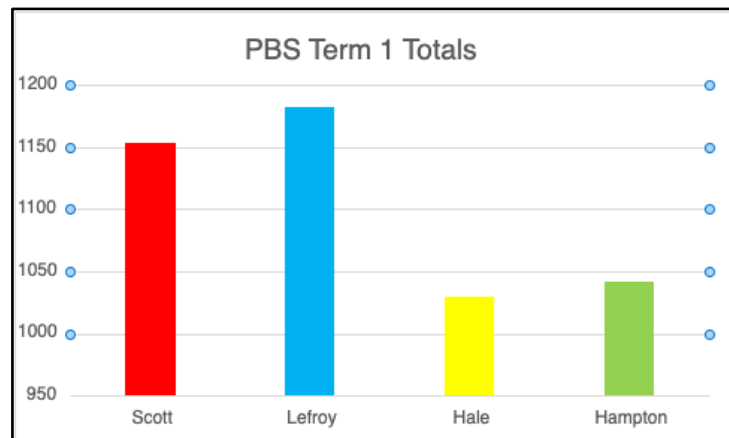
What did one hat say to the other?
You wait here — I'll go on ahead!

Why don't the circus lions eat the clowns?
Because they taste funny!

What did the pirate say when he turned 80?
"Aye matey."

PBS UPDATE

Our second fortnight is done and dusted and here are the totals for each faction. Students are working towards 1000 PBS points for 10 minutes of extra Recess, which will be occurring on Wednesday 20th March. This fortnight our focus is on being "Having a go at challenging tasks". With NAPLAN beginning this week, it has been a timely reminder to give things our best shot!



National Ride to School Day

Friday March 22nd of Week 8 is National Ride to School Day. Beacy will be rewarding any student who rides, walks, scoots, skates, or buses to



school with a faction point! We want to use this day to normalise walking and riding to school and to recognise the many benefits these activities generate by helping our families kick start a new habit or routine including active travel to school. Live too far to walk or ride the entire way to school? Why not drive to a nearby park or café and then walk or ride the rest of the way?

There will be music playing in the Undercover Area and someone at the gate to celebrate you on your efforts. Encourage a neighbour from school to join you on your fume-free journey! Let's reduce traffic and fumes and contribute to a healthier school community together!

Art News

The last fortnight in art we have put all projects on pause to work on an all-school collaborative project for Harmony Day. Every student has contributed a mini self-portrait to a large 3D installation that will eventually be on display in the library. The goal is to show our diverse Beacy community united in a one huge "group shot" that wraps around a cylinder shape. Every student is supported by others surrounding them. So just like Harmony Day, the artwork is about inclusiveness and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Be sure to check it out when it is complete and when you do, also check out the 2023 Harmony Day ceramic bead artwork outside the office.

The art room newspaper supply is getting low if anyone is able to divert from their recycling?

Finally, a huge thank-you to the wonderful parents who kindly helped cover sketch books! It was a massive help!

Ms Cathy



'In My Pocket' Workshops

On Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 5, Year 5s and 6s welcomed guests, Jill and Eli, into our classrooms to host a special workshop for three groups of students. They ran for two hours, which allowed time for reading and discussing the historical fiction picture book, 'In My Pocket' by Dorrieth Sim, and then designing and painting calico pockets- symbolic of the story. 'In My Pocket' is an uplifting true story of rescue and survival in the context of WW2 which also speaks to the current situation of refugees and displaced children around the globe.

This workshop linked with student learnings about migration as well as with themes of multiculturalism and diversity that are covered throughout the Humanities and Social Science Curriculum,



as well as the critical reading and reflection relevant to English.

The students all enjoyed hearing the story and Jill had some challenging questions that required them to think critically about the text and the illustrations. Jill also highlighted the theme of kindness, and guided students to spot the acts of compassion that occurred throughout the story as Dorrith fled Germany. In terms of the focus on inclusivity in our diverse community at Beacy, this workshop delivers! The session helped develop a greater sense of empathy for people displaced from their homes by war, discrimination and other causes. The kids enjoyed thoughtfully painting the pockets with designs that were inspired by the story. Each child received a mini version of the book that they will hopefully share with their family at home.

A huge thanks again to Jill and Eli for volunteering their time, and to all who helped with the workshops.

Ms Geller



Harmony Day Assembly

Now scheduled on Thursday 21

March 2024

Join us in the celebration of cultural diversity and inclusiveness.

Everyone is encouraged to dress up in traditional clothing (related to their heritage) or wear the colour orange for our Harmony Day assembly. Assembly commences at 9am in the undercover area.

- IEC students from Room 10 and 11 are presenting an item
- Songs by school choir
- Guest speaker



Kokoda Trek Cancer Council WA

In April 2024, Cancer Council WA and a group of like-minded supporters will embark on the 150 km Kokoda Track, with a fundraising goal of \$70,000. Raising funds for Cancer Council WA will make a real impact in the fight against cancer, by funding essential services an ...

About this adventure

Beginning in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea the group Cancer Council WA supporters will get together before beginning their 8 day trek. The Kokoda Track is said to be one of the world's greatest trails for its beautiful natural surroundings, fascinating culture, and rich history. It's also known to be a challenging, but very rewarding journey, both physically and spiritually.

One of our parents here at Beacy will be participating in the trek. If you would like to contribute to this wonderful cause, please click on the attached link.

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<https://cancer-council-wa.grassrootz.com/cancercouncilwa-kokoda-2024/katie-does-kokoda-for-cancer>



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Sunday's (PSL Winter Home and away games)
U12 Girls/Boys mixed.
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U16 Boys
U18 Boys
Senior Men's 16+
Friday's or Sunday's (Still to be confirmed)
U16 Girls
Saturday's (Canning Softball Association @ Centenary Park, Wilson)
Senior Ladies 16+

Season begins April and ends in September.

Want to join our Men's Pre-Season Carnival?
Contact Lidia: treasurer@cockburncougars.com.au

Interested in volunteering??
Contact Sandra: senstam@cockburncougars.com.au

Want more information about the upcoming season??
Contact Cathy: registrar@cockburncougars.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

LEGOO age 5 - 13

3rd April 2024 - 10th April 2023



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