Coming Events

June
4 Pelican & Koalas Swimming
5 Rosella hosting Assembly @ 2:30pm
5 Wakaikari Practice
7 Ladies Twilight Markets 2-8pm
9 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
10 Fanfare Statewide Competition
11 Pelican & Koalas Swimming
12 Echidna hosting Assembly @ 2:30pm
12 Wakaikari Practice
12 Twilight Concert 6pm
14 Year 4-5 Camp Fundraisers @ Masters
16 Pioneer High Information Sessions for High School 2015
18 Sports Throwing Events
18 Pelican & Koalas Swimming
19 Mackay Show
20 School Athletic Carnival
26 Sporting & Cultural Leaders hosting Assembly @ 2:30pm
26 Wakaikari Practice
27 Last Day Term 2

July
14 First Day Term 3
16 Rosella & Echidna Swimming
17 Wakaikari Practice
17 Assembly @ 2:30pm
23 Rosella & Echidna Swimming
24 Wakaikari Practice
24 Jennings hosting Assembly @ 2:30pm

Dear Parents, Staff & Students
Student Reports/Assessment & Attendance: I would like all families to be aware that all classes are currently finalising student assessment pieces and collating information on student achievement in preparation for the end of semester report. It is very important that available absences from school do not impact on our ability to finalise the reports on individual student achievement and improvement. While a student is absent the class continues to learn and practice new and old skills. Catching up is very difficult for some students and providing worksheets for absent students cannot provide the necessary teaching that supports the learning of this skill. Let’s not disadvantage our student’s ability to achieve to their potential.

P&C Ladies Twilight Market – Saturday June 7th 3-8pm: Hopefully all families can support this fabulous fundraising event on Saturday night. Coordinator Christine Wilson and the P&C have planned and organised a wonderful variety of events, entertainment and services to pamper and inovigate the ladies of all ages in our community. A gold coin entry is all that is needed to open up an amazing range of services that will interest all ladies. So please bring a friend, drop in, have great evening and know that all funds raised support our school and our students. We are still seeking volunteers to help man some stalls for some time slots. Any time at all volunteered would be greatly appreciated and lighten the workload for our current team of volunteers. Please contact the school office if you can spare some time.

Pokemon Cards & Loon BANDS: While we as a school currently have no blanket ban on these items coming to school, students have been made very aware that issues can arise from trading, swapping or stealing. Students are encouraged not to bring these to school if they are concerned about this happening as staff do not have time to investigate or resolve conflicts that occur. Some enterprising students have negotiated with myself to allocate a set day for a Pokemon Club in the library during break time. This will be finalised soon.

School & Parent Car Parking: With parents and staff from our school, the Kindy and the Special School using street parking on Manfield Drive we have found that it has become very congested. As a result some families have begun to use the lower staff car park as a drop off and collection point. My concern is that this area is used by student & parent pedestrians accessing the school as well as the tennis courts. For this reason we have formulated a plan to provide additional street parking options while closing staff car park gates and key times to protect pedestrians. Our school has provided some staff parking on our grounds for Special School staff thus opening up additional spaces out on the street for families to use. Please be aware that this is not to inconvenience anyone but to avoid the potential for any traffic accident between vehicles and students.

Congratulations and well done to;
- Yr 2. Koalas for a very professional and entertaining hosting of assembly last Thursday.
- Instrumental musicians Bronte Allers, Shae Robinson, Angelina Raciti & Brielle Forsyth who attended regional camp last week and performed at the culminating concert on Friday evening.
- Yr 7 student Dakota Miller on her selection in the Capricornia Hockey team to compete in the State titles later this term.
- Yr 7 student Mackenzie Smyth on her selection in the Capricornia Cross Country team.
- Senior Boys & girls Rugby League teams and their coaches Mandy Randall & Mr Russell for their involvement and success in this after school challenge cup event. Well done.

Staffing changes: Currently teachers Mrs Julie Osborne yr 6/7 Lawrence & yr 4/5 Griffiths Lisa Scrapps are on long service leave for the remainder of the term. In their absence, Teacher Anita Coe will work with Lawrence class and Teacher Bri Miller will work with Griffiths class.

Regards
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TWILIGHT CONCERT  
Everyone is welcome to come along and hear our instrumental and choral students performing on Thursday 12th June from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. This is the first opportunity for these students to perform this year and it would be wonderful to have a large and enthusiastic audience. All participating students have received an information letter. Entry is free.

INSTRUMENTAL CAMP  
Welcome back to the four students who travelled to Yeppoon to attend this year’s Mackay and District Instrumental Camp – Brent, Benade, Hayley and Angelina. The culminating concert at Pittsworth was wonderful.

Last week four lovely students from Beaconsfield State School had the chance to Yeppoon for instrumental camp. These students were Sha Hanrahan, Blake Plowman, Angelina Bemont and Bradley Farnell. On this camp they did amazing work and interesting things solidifying that it’s a new way that we teach music.

On our way to Yeppoon we took a quick stop at Wacolga Creek for warming up. After four training days on the camp at the PCYC leadership camp, we unpacked our luggage and were put into bands of ten mixed up with students from other schools. Once settled in, we started our first rehearsal, this was a long journey.

Every morning we would wake up to a ringing bell of alarm, then we would have had a quick breakfast and head straight to school. After our three half hours rehearsals per day we played games on the bush such as badminton, soccer, touch, basketball and water volleyball. While on the camp we were paired up with amazing food such as pizza, burgers, potatoes and lemonade.

Finally when Friday morning we put on a performance for our parents with all the skills we learned. The parents smiled at us with amazing eyes as we held playing at once. Each group performed a song and dance. Throughout the week, we achieved a level of presentation and skills that we usually achieve in a whole year. Overall it was an amazing week with lots of fun filled adventures and a lot in a lifetime opportunity. Written by Sha Hanrahan & Brenda

WAKAARRI  
All students participating in Wakarri should have retained their permission note by now. Please pay the $20 participation fee as soon as you can. Practices are now in full force. Please make sure your child knows when their group’s rehearsals are.

Carnel Payne – Music teacher

LADIES TWILIGHT FAIR  
Saturday 7th June from 3pm to 8pm – Beaconsfield State School Oval

• We have 24 workshops ranging in health, wellbeing, beauty, handmade, party plan and fitness. Please see our Facebook page for ‘smell proof’ album of businesses and products that will be on offer. The event is for sale of all ages – reservations available (call or email the school). There will be 8 workshops presented by ADS Healthy Life, Babes Up Colonic, Gringo Cricethe, Arialla, The Body Shop at Home, Yoga Trees and Lornarina in Lismore.
• Pure Pole Mallack will have 2 mini shows – 3pm and 7pm
• Kick Dance will be performing Live Music from the stage in half hour breaks.
• Mackay Portable Mini Golf will be on the front lawn. $1 for 1 hole or $2 for 3 holes – great for dads, mums and kids.
• Coffee Van and Food Corner will have light refreshments and cakes.
• Major Raffle Hamper full of beautiful goods and gift vouchers all kindly donated by our exhibitors and local businesses.
• 200 Macchives will be sold at $5 each to support special offers and local businesses who are not attending the event.
• Thanks to our Major Sponsors: PMK, MDG, Sunset in You, ADS Healthy Life, Pindis, Private Silver Jewellery & National Tiers.

Our staff and staff have continued to respond well to our challenge of having all 12 classes achieve 100 + Points each week, with 10 out of 12 classes reaching the goal in Week 5, which improved to 11 out of 12 classes in Week 6. Congratulations to Gr5 Podcasts who were the 5 champion Pat class with 384 Points and special congratulations to Abdel who are the Week 6 Champions, setting a new school record of 426 Pat’s! Will this week be the one where we achieve our school goal for the first time? We look forward to counting up this week’s Pat’s following assembly.

With over 3,000 Point’s being awarded to students each week, it is no surprise that we are presenting record numbers of Buzz Award Certificates (for every batch of 30 Pat’s) at our weekly assemblies. It has been very difficult to present the large numbers of Buzz Award Certificates on assembly, along with the range of other awards that are presented and ensure that we finish assembly on time. To ensure that the Buzz Award retains its value, we have decided to trial a change in practice regarding how they are presented. The sublime Buzz Awards (‘200 Club’ and ‘200 Club’ recipients) will still be presented on our weekly assembly. Other Buzz Awards that are received each week will be presented to each class group and we will make sure that all students who all take these students out for a quick photo with Miss Bos. We trialled this change last week and it worked well, with students really enjoying receiving their Buzz Awards in front of their classmates in their classroom environment. Congratulations to the following students who are the last week have been presented with the ‘200 Club’ for receiving 100 Point’s:


Special congratulations to the five ever first students who have joined the ‘200 Club’ having earned a double century of Pat’s:

Tinaela Locks and Trinity Kirke

Our whole school behaviour Judd focus for this week was from our Be Responsible line of expectations – ‘Be a litter buster’. With Beaconsfield having such a strong environmental focus in the past with our curriculum, caring for our school environment is always valued very importantly as a part of our school culture. We instal within students the belief of taking responsibility for the state of our grounds, by putting litter in the bin, regardless of who the litter belongs to. These values are then reflected with our own culture for the wider environment outside of the school, which has been demonstrated in the past with our participation in Clean Up Australia Day events and regenerative activities on the various sites around Mackay in partnership with the Mackay Regional Council.

Our next focus for next week is also from our Be Responsible line of expectations – “Handle electronic equipment in the office”. This expectation is an important one for me to ensure that our teaching and learning environments are not disrupted throughout the day, while ensuring that these devices can be returned safely to students for their use when they leave school at the end of the day.

I encourage all parents/carers to discuss and reinforce these expectations with their children to help them understand the importance of meeting these behaviour standards each and every day. We look forward to seeing your students demonstrate these expectations over the next fortnight, as they embrace our school values of being safe, respectful and responsible learners.

Patricia Russell – Deputy Principals

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SATURDAY 4
BEACONSFIELD CANTER

Cassie Little – Canteen Convener

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS & ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY WEDGIES & WEBSH REUNION WINE WITH LOS OR MILK BOTTLE $4.50

Girls Little–Canteen Convener

If you would like to help eat at the above please call the office or visit the canteen.

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PLANET RHYTHM DRUMMING WORKSHOPS  
Unfortunately life is too fast for a family matter for this workshop last postponed. We will notify you of the new date as soon as one has been set.

FANFARE  
We wish our string ensemble every success as they represent Beaconsfield in this year’s state-wide Fanfare competition which is being held at the University of Queensland on Monday, June 10th. The students are leaving Beaconsfield at 9am and their performance time is 12.50pm. Parents, family and friends are welcome to attend.

KOALAS LEARNING GROUP

The Year 2 Koalas presented to the school last Thursday. "Why it is important to SEED a text before reading." Everyone did an awesome job! Can proud of you! Well done.

Interesting points that we presented:

• When we score a text it is helping us to understand what may happen in the text before reading and we will be the expert of the text after reading.

• We are predicting (AOS), so as well as activating any prior knowledge.

• Reading isn’t just about how quick you read.

If there are any words that trick us, call these ‘interesting words’. We discuss these words with the teacher and gain more knowledge around word meaning.

• Some of us have a greater word knowledge than others. Don’t get upset: just start asking your teacher and an adult questions about the words. They will love you for it.

After you have read a text, you can research anything you found interesting and would like to learn more about.

Ideas for home from the Year 2 Koalas:

- Share 4, 6 or 8, look at the mini illustrations, close your eyes, predict what the text may be about.

- Connect & question, ask questions and connect to any prior knowledge.

- Organise your thinking, what text of narrative, report, procedure or persuasion.

- Read & reflect, time to read the book!

- Be the expert, read the book everyday and write down unknown words.

- Cross off the unknown words as the weeks progress. Talk with adult about anything interesting or unfamiliar information. You can even research on the internet. You are becoming the EXPERT!

Remember that reading is fun.

Written by: Year 2 Koala Learning Group

Samara Staniek – Teacher

CURRICULUM NEWS – UPCOMING EVENTS

A reminder to get your Whitestyle Voices note back to the office before Friday 13th June. Don’t panic, it’s on what is always a great opportunity for learning and lots of fun! Spare notes are kept in the office, if you have misplaced yours.

Everyone should have received their Premiers Reading Challenge forms last week! Remember to record each book you read on the form and get back to school as soon as you can … the winning classes in P-5 and 4-7 will get a pizza party!!

SCHOOL READING AND LITERACY WORKSHOPS

A flyer will be going home this week, inviting Parents from the school to attend a ‘Reading with your child’ workshop next week that will also include some of the changes to the school’s Literacy program with the introduction of Sound Waves Books and the School Sight Words Program.

We would like to see all Prep parents attend one of the workshops along with any parents who would like some support and information in these areas.

Jacintha Wimmer – Head of Curriculum (HOD)