**SIGN-ON DAY**

SATURDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
1-3PM @
CATHY FREEMAN OVAL
2 WREN ST, SLADE POINT

> AGES 4+ INCLUDING MASTERS
> ALTERNATE SATURDAY & SUNDAY CLUB DAYS 1-3PM
> FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
> TRACK & FIELD EVENTS INCLUDING JAVELIN & HURDLES
> COME & TRY FIRST CLUB DAY SATURDAY MARCH 4
> GREAT TRAINING FOR SCHOOL SPORTS DAYS

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**Coming Events**

**February**

- **9**
  - 6G presenting Assembly at 2:15pm
- **9**
  - MacC AGM
- **9**
  - Nth Qld Cowboys community visit
- **12**
  - Student Banking
- **14**
  - GRIP Leadership - Year 6 Student Leaders
- **16**
  - SGB presenting Assembly @ 2:15pm
- **17**
  - Safety Circle Yr 3
- **19**
  - Student Banking
- **23**
  - 4F1 presenting Assembly @ 2:15pm

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**Dear Parents, Staff & Students**

Welcome to Week 37! What a wonderful, busy week; fortnight we have had since our previous newsletter. I had the pleasure of visiting all of our classrooms and was delighted to observe all children willing and eager to learn.

**Parent Information Sessions**

Our Parent Information Sessions took place across various afternoons last week. It was so pleasing to see so many parents/careers gather in our school to discuss the learning goals and outcomes for the children in the school. Parental involvement is always encouraged in the school whether this be by listening to sight words, supporting the children during reading groups, helping in the tuckshop or simply sitting and reading a book to the children. Our new Communication Diaries have been well-received by teachers, students and parents as an additional means of sharing in the child's educational journey. Children will bring their Communication Books home each night, Monday to Friday and parents are asked to check daily for notes/messages from the teacher.

**Enrolment and Staffing**

Day 8 has come and gone resulting in our school submitting an enrolment count of 315 students. This will ensure that we are able to maintain our current 13 class structure for the year and continue to implement our support staff programs. This is an excellent sign of the growth and positive school culture that we have achieved. We look forward to continuing this growth and developing our positive school culture and reputation even further this year.

Stop, Drop and Go Zone - Some helpful hints

- "Kiss and go" in the morning if you are using Stop/Drop/Go.
- In the afternoon don’t block the Stop/Drop/Go area if you’re kids aren’t ready, move on to help maintain the flow of traffic.
- School staff are helping to manage the pick-up routine and will direct your child to your car.

**Medical Details**

Administration staff are currently contacting parents to update their child’s student details, in particular emergency contact details and medical details. It is important to keep the school updated with any changes concerning student medical details so that we can ensure that we are fully informed regarding the health needs of our students.

If your child has serious asthma or allergic reactions (e.g., requiring the use of an Epipen), an action plan is needed which is completed by medical or qualified health practitioners (parents can enquire with their GP regarding these). Please contact the Administration if you would like to know more about this.

**P & C Meeting**

A reminder that our first P & C Meeting is scheduled for this Thursday - 9th February - starting at 3.45pm in the Staff Room. I encourage all parents to come alongside and find out more about how this hard working and dedicated group support the learning outcomes of your child at school. Hope to see you there!

**Regards**

Lisa Laid

Acting Principal

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**Learning Cooperation Friendship Future**

Great state. Great opportunity.
PBL – Positive Behaviour Learning

Over the last fortnight students have been working hard at being safe, respectful and responsible learners. Throughout the term our PBL team sets a goal of classes reaching 100 PAT totals for the week. Our school goal is to try and have each of our 15 classes achieve this every week.

Students receive PAT ticket tallies for meeting behaviour expectations. 100 PAT tallies result in students receiving a Buzz Award and then again at the following targets: 250, 500, 750 and 1000.

I had the pleasure on Thursday of conducting the first PAT assembly draw. Five lucky children from the Junior Primary and Senior Primary have their ticket drawn out of the PAT boxes on Assembly and are rewarded with an ice-block from the tuckshop for following our schoolwide behaviour expectations. Congratulations to our first weekly winners last week – P6c - Shachal A, Jesusen O, Ethan L, Grace K, Kye L, Aidan O, Walkey D, Tobias L and Jacob Y.

The whole school behaviour focus for this week is using the ‘High 5’. This involves following these steps:

1. Speak friendly
2. Speak firmly
3. Lamp on
4. Walk/Move away
5. Report the problem to a staff member.

Teachers will be reinforcing the ‘High 5’ with all students to ensure that they know what to do to prevent conflict from happening. Ask your children if they can recall the 5 steps and why it is important to follow this process.

We look forward to seeing our students demonstrate these expectations over the next fortnight, as they embrace our school values of being safe, respectful and responsible learners.

Lisa Castré – Deputy Principal

SPORT

Cumberland Basketball Trials

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing our school at the Cumberland Basketball Trials today at Andergrove State School. Congratulations and best of luck to:

- Arley Rowles
- Laura Allen
- Gracie Blanchfield
- Sophie Blanchfield
- Ella Borg

Sun Safety at School

The Importance of Wearing Hats

We have a No Hat – No Play policy at Beaconsfield State School. Can you please ensure that your child has a hat available for playtime and for Phys Ed lessons.

It is vital that we take responsibility together in ensuring that our students are sun safe at all times.

Did you know that most children get much of their lifetime sun exposure before age 18, so it’s important for us to teach them how to enjoy fun in the sun safely.

Taling the right precautions can greatly reduce your child’s chance of developing skin cancer.

Please talk to your children about Slip, Slap, Slip and Wrap!

Mr R Lloyd – PE Teacher

MUSIC

Beaconsfield Singers are rehearsing each Thursday for the 23rd Repton School Festival. Any year 4, 5 and 6 students are welcome to participate.

Festival details:

Sunday 19th and Monday 20th March at MECC - cost $10. Permission notes have been sent home.

Instrumental Students - lessons commence on Thursday (Week 3) and Concert Band at 8am (Week 4).

Parent meeting 5.30pm Monday 6th February in music room, particularly for parents of beginning students, however all instrumental parents are welcome.

Linda Mittler – Music Teacher

6S Learning Group

What a great start to the year for 6S! Students are brightly and busily-tailed, giving their best every day and demonstrating respect for themselves and others by working quietly and using manners – most of the time. I think we will have lots of Beaconsfield Club members in a very short time.

Please encourage your child to:

- Attend school every day
- Give the best effort – Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe. Give the best effort every day.
- Do homework
- Wear the appropriate uniform with only stud/sterling earrings and watches as jewellery - no nail polish
- Help others in the school community
- It is great to see some rain fall to hopefully extinguish the heat and humidity we are all suffering. The class and I are so thankful to have air conditioning to work in.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Parent Information Afternoon.

Notes about the 2017 camp to Brisbane will go home shortly. We are looking at limiting the cost to $300. Please return your Expression of Commitment as soon as possible, if you permit your child to attend in the last week of Term 3, 11th – 14th September. A major event to raise funds to subsidise the upper school camps is being organised by some of our parents. They may call on you to volunteer to assist. Please help if you can to lighten the load.

Mrs Lockwood is able to help set up a direct debit, to help manage payment in a pain-free way. She can also give advice on Centrelink deductions.

Looking forward to a great year – only just started, but it passes so quickly.

Glenda Storry – Teacher

ADMINISTRATION

Information regarding the 2017 Student Resource Scheme (SRS) and associated invoice were sent home last week. Thank you to those parents who have already made payment and returned their agreement form. Payments can be made at the Office via cash or EFTPOS and online payments can be made via BPOINT. Please ask Administration Staff if you would like to set up a payment plan or deductions through Centrepay, and regardless of how payment is made the SRS Agreement Form is to be signed and returned (for audit purposes). If you anticipate your child to be attending a Year 4, 5 or 6 camp this year and you would like to make regular payments throughout the year, these can be made at any time at the Office. Classroom teachers will provide more information about the camps throughout this term.

Michelle Sweeney – Finance Officer

BEACONSFIELD CAReNTEEN

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

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The school canteen operates Wednesday (First Break only) to Friday. Volunteers are needed Thursday from 9 to 11.30am fortnightly or monthly, all time is greatly appreciated. The aim is to provide a nutritious lunch at the lowest possible cost. If you are able to help by being on a roster to work in the canteen, please contact the canteen on 49692213. Your help is needed! All proceeds from the canteen are used by the P&SC to enhance our school facilities. Please check you have our new 2017 menu, thanks.

AWARDS AND ASSEMBLY

COMMUNITY

Eimeo Road Hockey Club is looking for new players aged 4+ to come join our fabulous club. This year U7’s fees are half price ($60) and the U9’s will receive a free hockey pack when they join. If you would like any more information please call Michelle on 0413141616.

FEELING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND FEELING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE?

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France mid year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. Arriving in June, all the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term, it’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like more info, please email your interest to Rob at Inter-Cultural Management on rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au or call 0438 689828.

NORTHS NETBALL CLUB

PLAYERS WANTED!

Registrations are now being taken for Winter season commencing March 2017

Junior Teams – Ages 7, 8 & 9 and 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Senior Teams – 15 & over

Training held at Wallace Street, Eucalyptus courts (Dolphin's Creek Ground)

To enquire call us on northsnetball@hotmail.com or phone Sharen 0400 246600

Foster carer. Could be you one?

We are looking for a Foster carer to provide short term care and support to children and young people who have a range of emotional and behavioural issues. The aim of the placement is to enhance the child’s ability to return to their family. We are particularly seeking for foster carers who are looking to take a second child. 

To discuss the role please contact Tony via tony@ccar.org.au or by calling 4953 5097.

For more information...