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Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Classroom Parent Information Sessions: This week all teachers offered families an opportunity to visit their child’s classroom and gain an insight into all key learning, expectations, class routines and important events for this term. A form 1 Class overview letter was also sent home to parents outlining this key information. Parents who were unable to attend are still encouraged to make contact with their child’s teacher at a later date to have this information explained. Parent support of student learning such as listening to reading, hearing spelling, checking homework tasks and showing a genuine interest in what they are learning is crucial to student progress and success.

Student Attendance: At school all day every day and on time. A crucial element of student success at school is attendance. Students with erratic attendance, frequently unexplained absences, long holidays during mid-term or who are regularly late to school find learning difficult as they are constantly behind other students and under pressure to catch up. This can cause frustration and negative behaviours that are used to avoid embarrassment.

Year 3 Safety Circus Performance: This Friday in the hall at 1.45pm all families are invited to join our Year 3 classes at this special presentation. Mackay Police in conjunction with CD University drama students have created a unique performance that focuses on key road and community safety messages for young children. Entry is free. All families are most welcome.

School P&C 2024: Our tireless President Geraldine Dyer and Treasurer Dale Hipwell and their very small group of helpers did an outstanding job in 2023 coordinating, planning and running all P&C events that were done to support our students and their school. The small team of volunteers began to feel very over-run in late 2023 as all activities and tasks had to be shouldered by the same few people. If we allow this to continue in 2024 I’m sure we will have no parents prepared to step up to take on roles in the P&C. Without a school P&C executive our Taskshop would close, meaning no lunches or uniform sales, no student discos or other special fundraising events. No volunteers to reduce class camp costs or exist families with representative sport or cultural initiatives. In 2023 our P&C donated over $700 of additional funding back into special programs for our students. The hours of service and leg work that was volunteered by our small team of parents made this happen. If we are not all prepared to get more involved or offer support then I’m sure the current executive would understandably step down. They cannot do it all. Our first meeting for 2014 is Thursday Feb 23rd at 3.30pm in the library. Even if you are unable to attend, a letter of support or commitment to help would be appreciated.

The P&C AGM is set for March 13th.

Class Structures & Staffing in 204: Our student enrolment count to start the year is 303 students. This was down from our 2023 number of 305 students. Reductions in student numbers do impact on our annual staffing allocation and what classes and services we can offer. While we will be able to maintain the current planned 11 classrooms our support staff and specialist roles provided last year have been reduced with possible impacts on Learning Support, Music, PE and Environmental education projects. Our class structures are:

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FREE DRESS DAY FOR Remy
THURSDAY 20TH FEB

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

We will be photographing your school on Thursday 6th March 2014. You will receive a flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available. Please ensure that each student returns his/her envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

**STUDENT BANKING**

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is here! The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school.

We are looking for volunteers to do the school banking as our current banking coordinators are no longer available, please call the office if you're interested to help out.

Mary-Jane Davison & Amanda Kennedy
Banking Coordinators

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

Many thanks to the parents of the beginning instrumental students who had their child organised and ready to start lessons for the Quick-start program in week 2. Instruments were sent home with students who had returned their signed contracts. A letter regarding the instrumental levy will be sent home soon. Hopefully, all students including the continuing instrumental students will be enthused and ready to start the regular timetable from this week. Mr. Matthews is very keen to get our band up and running as soon as possible. Mrs. Mars is also keen to begin regular lessons from this week as well. String Ensemble practice will start up again shortly.

**ORCHESTRA**

A reminder to all year five and six students that rehearsals for the annual Choral Festival on 24th March will be held in the music room every Tuesday, second break. An information package for the Choral Festival has been posted with your instruments which includes the program notes and how to be returned to me.

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**CLASSES**

Thanks to you all that have returned your Choral Festival notes and Grandparent days cards. They are all in the music room.

**SPORTS**

Every student at Beaconsfield is assigned to a sports team; namely Football (Blue), Handball (Green), Netball (Red), Basketball (Yellow), with families all members in the same group. Classroom teachers have a list of all students will be notified of their assigned team but if parents want to make sure the allocation of families members, please notify the office so a correction can be made.

The Cumberland Sub-district Cross Country will be held on Beaconsfield on the 28th April. Any student born 2002, 2003 or 2004 who want to participate in this event must complete a fitness and endurance schedule to satisfy safety requirements. If the weather is favourable, fitness club training will commence each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings before school at 8:20 am. Students need to complete a regular training schedule. This week, all students had the opportunity to attend a free Auskick and Try session. However, next Monday, the main program begins. However, students may still enrol for our Auskick AFL program which is being held for 8 weeks on a Monday at lunchtime during second break. Fees and money need to be returned in the AFL organisations by next Monday. Additional forms are available at the office. Our after school Wednesday competition in Rugby League will commence to the end of the Term. Information about these opportunities will be sent home from the activities are finalised. Weather permitting, our regular Inter-Primary Saturday sporting competition will commence on Friday 21st February for Boys Soccer and Girls Netball. However, only students in years 4 and 5 may participate. Parents and students are invited to make the squad that make it through. All 3 teams have home matches today. The annual Grandparents Day is on the 1st of June. The school has been set up to provide a warm and relaxing environment for all students to enjoy. The theme for the day is "Grandparents and Me" and the morning will include a breakfast and a showcase of the student's work. Students will have the opportunity to spend time with their grandparents and caregivers, engaging in activities that reflect their interests and passions. The day will be filled with musical performances, art displays, and interactive workshops, all designed to celebrate the special bond between grandparents and their grandchildren. The event is open to all students, and we encourage parents to consider bringing a friend or family member to share in the fun.

**Remi’s Raiser Free Dress Day**

There will be a Free Dress Day on Thursday 25th February to support Remi’s Raiser which is helping to raise awareness and provide comfort for The Special Care Nursery in Macquarie. NICU and Ronald McDonald House in Townsville. Remi Connors was the daughter of Mrs. Puntz who was born 13 weeks prematurely on 16th October 2013. Remi was born with a heart condition which needed surgery so that she could live a healthy life. Remi’s parents, Adrian and Frances Connors are holding a fundraiser as a thank you and to raise some much-needed funds for the facilities that provided care and support for Remi and her family. They hope to help families who are dealing with the stress of having a sick baby in Special Care and NICU/ward Intensive Care Unit. A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!