Our school photos will be taken on the Monday 21st March 2016.

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelopes Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheques enclosed.

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To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code 717 PZV 9RM. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware:

These advertisers support us, please support them:

**Coming Events**

**February**

25 Choral Festival Performers Presenting Assembly

25 31 Art Show @ 2pm

29 Student Banking March

3 Year 5/6 Assembly @ 2:30pm

4 Ride to School Day

4 School Clean Up Day

7 Student Banking

10 Year 3/4 Presenting Assembly @ 2:30pm

11 Free Dress - Funky Hair for World’s Greatest Shoe: Gold Coin Donation

We still have some 205 PHOTO CDs AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE @ $10

**Dear Parents, Staff & Students**

School Leaders Ceremony: Thank you to the huge number of parents and community members who were able to join us for the School Leaders Ceremony and recognise the students who have put up their hand to take on leadership positions within the school. It was also great to have Amary Mausel present to hand out the badges and certificates to the School Captains, Vice Captains and Cultural Leaders, along with having ARL Development Officer Renée Kunst and North Queensland Cowboys representatives on hand to present the Sports Captains.

Stop, Drop, Go: Thank you to the parents who are helping us ensure the stop, drop, go area is functioning so much better by staying within their cars and ensuring the dropway alongside Nadina Street in front of the school flows efficiently in the afternoons when picking up children. With everyone’s support, this works very well, however, it is when people park their car in the No Standing Area, and then leave their car, that the process falls down and becomes so much more difficult for everyone involved.

National Ride to School Day: Beaconsfield State School’s active travel day is just around the corner! We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Parents can join in the fun by walking or cycling with the students.

All students on wheels are required to wear helmets (this includes skaters and scooters).

School Playgrounds: It is important for all parents to ensure that their child is not playing on the school playgrounds before school, after school or whilst waiting to collect siblings in the afternoon. Young children playing on play equipment unsupervised whilst waiting to collect other children is a safety issue. In the past, children have hurt themselves and it also becomes a distraction to students who may be in class. More signage is being installed to further inform parents, however we ask for your support in this matter.

Schools Clean Up Day on 4 March: Students and teachers will do their part to protect and care for our environment this Schools Clean Up Day by picking up rubbish around the school. Schools Clean Up Day inspires students to learn about their environment and contribute to their local community. It’s a day when students and teachers work together to clean up a site significant to them. If your child is 13+, don’t forget to encourage them to enter the Instagram competition. All they have to do is follow Clean Up Australia on Instagram, share their favourite moment of the Clean Up Day on Instagram, and use hashtag #CUA16 and #SchoolsCam. Entries close 13 March. More information is available at www.cleanupaus.org.

Regards

Cameron Wayman
Principal

Learning Cooperation Friendship Future

**Great state. Great opportunity.**
**CURRICULUM NEWS**

This week our school captains and vice captains attended the GRP Student Leadership Conference with 37 other schools from the region at the MECC. It is a practical and interactive training conference for school leaders and a way for the school to support the growth of our leaders and ensure they are able to develop and grow in their roles this year.

The students had a wonderful time and came away with lots of tools they would like to achieve this year as leaders of the school. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and enthusiastic leaders for 2016.

Jaden Winner - HOC

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**SCHOOL PHOTO’S**

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Thursday 21st March 2016

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1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day.

2. There is a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut-off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.

3. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.

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**SAFETY CIRCUS**

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**SWPS – Supporting Positive Behaviour**

The last two weeks have been a busy one with staff recognising our students who are being safe, respectful and responsible. Bravely hundreds of thousands of Pat’s being awarded. Congratulations to the 58 class who have topped the school count with 340 Pat’s in wk 1.

Congratulations to our weekly winners of the Ice Block draw from last week – Jenesia J, Kastle C-G, Kyhli S, Lacey D, Alinta C, Sahaya T, T탠ver C, Luketa H, Caleb J and Zahli D.

Our whole school behaviour focus for this week is “Expecting others to be seeking a learning”. This expectation is held in great importance in our school, as we reinforce the expectation with all students that no student has the right to disrupt the learning of their classroom. By supporting this expectation of our students taking responsibility for their own behaviour, certainly helps in the achievement of our classrooms being productive teaching and learning environments, operating in a harmonious, friendly and supportive school environment.

Our whole school behaviour lesson focus for next week has been from our Be Safe list of expectations - “Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself”. When talking to students about this expectation we often refer to it as following the ‘hands off’ rule. We emphasise to students the importance of following the hands off rule to ensure everyone is able to feel safe at school. We explain to students how this expectation applies to everyone (parents and adults alike) outside of school in the community and if this expectation isn’t followed then people can find themselves in trouble with the authorities.

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.

Liza Laird - Deputy Principal

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**3G LEARNING GROUP**

It can’t be true how quickly this time is going. The Students at 3G have been extremely busy already this term.

In Maths we have been learning different mental strategies (the split strategy, the jump strategy and the compensatory strategies) to help us improve our skills to solve addition and subtraction problems. Mental strategies help us to be able to do more complicated sums in our heads instead of using a pen and paper to work them out. The children have learnt that a prime number has itself and its only factors and a composite number has more than two factors. They have been linking fractions and their equivalent fractions. The children have been comparing and ordering fractions using number lines.

In English we have been very busy doing daily writing. The children are given a picture or a stimulus and then they are given free choice as to what text type they wish to write. They can write a narrative, a procedure, a report or an exposition (persuasive) based on the picture they are shown. Reading is an important part of our class. The children are learning that to be a good reader doesn’t just mean that you can read fluently with expression, but that it is important to understand what you are reading. Each week we focus on a different comprehension strategy to help us become better readers. The students have also been coming up with stories and comparing them to novels. They have been learning about the structure of a short story. We have been very excited to go to their specialist lessons. We have moved on Wednesday, Life and Science on Thursday and PE on Friday. We also got to being on Thursday.

In Geography, we are exploring a diverse world. Our inquiry question as: How do places, people and cultures differ across the world? We are reading to map making and to locate places on a map using co-ordinates. The students have also been looking at the similarities and differences between Australian and Asian countries.

What are the roles and responsibilities of the government? and How is a law made? are just a couple of the questions we are going to find answers for during Circus and Citizenship this year.

Wow! What a busy year we have ahead of us. Before we know it, it will be term 2 and we will be going on camp and getting ready to graduate.

Julia Green - Teacher

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**WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE**

We have a Free Dress Day on Friday 11th March with a theme of Funky Hair to raise money for curing Cancer. You can sponsor our School Captain Caleb Johns who has pledged to shave his head. Please visit www.worldsgreatestshave.com and click the sponsor button to select Caleb and help beat Cancer:

WAY TO GO CALEB!