Conveyance Allowance Assistance

Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by the Department Transport and Main Roads to eligible parents/guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus.

There are three types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area.

Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Translink Division of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in Industrial Street, Mackay or by telephoning 49518313.

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PCP 2014: A very positive team attended our first meeting for 2014. The main item of business was the financial situation of our tuckshop; currently a loss is being made by this tuckshop and it is being covered from PCP funds. Part of this reason is reduced sales due to the drop in school numbers over the last 3 years. Measures to be implemented to address this include only opening on Wed, Thurs and Fridays. A new reduced size menu with weekly specials and home baked items will also occur. Volunteers to prepare food or serve are also needed. Please contact Jocelyn at the tuckshop if you can assist in any capacity.

Student Attendance & Arriving on Time: Bring in at school every day and on time to start is crucial if each child to be successful in what they learn. Children with erratic attendance and arrival times are immediately placed at a disadvantage as the rest of the class has continued to move forward with their learning. The ability to catch up is not an easy task for most students who then become frustrated and sometimes give up. This term we have strategies in place to support and encourage students and families to attend this. These include, SMS text messaging to parents of absent or late arriving children (only if volunteered), weekly class incentive prizes for being the class with the most consistent attendance record, individual and class out of term rewards that recognize perfect attendance.

Walking to School & Vet Weath: During the recent rain periods many children have been caught in heavy downpours while walking to school or arriving at school after school if wet. Perhaps a cheap rain jacket or coat, even a cheap plastic poncho could be left in school bags just for such occasions.

Beaconsfield Uniforms: The majority of our children wear their full uniform with pride. Parents and students please be aware that our uniforms for shoes are black, dark or neutral colours. Hue joggers, fluoro laces and slip-on brightly coloured shoes are not part of our uniform and are to be avoided. While I understand recent wet weather has impacted on having dry shoes to wear I wish to avoid fashion competitions beginning up who can wear the most colourful footwear. Our full school uniform policy is available on the school website. This rule is strictly enforced at high schools so students should prepare themselves and get in the habit now.

Safety around School: While adequate parking and drop off spaces for all schools can be congested at peak times we still need to remain patient, vigilant and considerate of other drivers. With the mass movement of children leaving in the high school pedestrian need to take care where and how we park. Older children certainly have the option of being collected by vehicles from outside the school hall on Eemploument Road. Pets brought onto school grounds can also become a serious issue if they become spoiled by a rush of children and the dogs either or are we never totally sure how the most peaceful of dogs will react. Please avoid bringing dogs onto school grounds.

Congratulations: Year 5/6 Clerk for a job well done hosting assembly last Thursday, Beaconsfield Sporting terms Soccer and Netball for their good sportsmanship and team work during matches versus State Point. Year 4 tennis winning the best attendance trophy for Week 4. They now hold ‘Kouros’ the Bear for this week.

Great Rewards Guarantee: The Queensland Government is investing an additional $133 million in 2014 to improve student performance in Queensland state schools through the Great Rewards Guarantee. Over 4 years almost $800 million will be invested in Queensland state schools. This additional funding is being provided to every state, territory and school sector by the Federal Government for Queensland. A lower funding agreement for schools initiative. All 1238 state and Independent Public Schools will receive a share of the funding and enter into an agreement that commits them to guarantee that every student will either

- achieve the National Australian Standard for Literacy and Numeracy for their year level or
- have an evidence-based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning difficulties. All schools will receive their current level of funding plus a share of the $133 million, so every school will be better off. Under the guarantee, state primary schools will receive an additional $9 million a year on the early years. On average, schools will receive an extra $508 per student in Prep to Year 2. The extra investment in the early years will be achieved by the best long term results, by tackling poor literacy and numeracy before it’s too late. State high schools share in an additional $50 million to be distributed across all year levels, with a particular emphasis on the early years of high school. Under this agreement, schools will have the flexibility and autonomy to decide how the funding will be spent - for example, having specialist educators to provide additional support, using targeted professional development for teachers, or buying additional learning tools such as specialised literacy or numeracy programs. Student performance will be measured throughout the year and schools will be expected to demonstrate how the extra funding is helping to maximise learning outcomes for all students. This Great Rewards Guarantee for Beaconsfield CS will only be posted on the school’s website after having been distributed, discussed and endorsed by staff, the P&C Association and the Assistant Regional Director. We look forward to our students achieving their maximum potential.

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SAFETY CIRCUS

The Safety Circus is in town, and Beaconsfield State School grade three were lucky enough to see them live in their own school. The Safety Circus team loved performing for the grade three students and they were an excellent audience. The students helped Jessie (the main character) to find her mum after she lost her at the circus, and together they learnt lots of new safety skills.

Safety Circus showed the grade three all about how to stay safe when riding your bikes, scooters and skateboards, and now they know to always check your helmet up and act just like a car would on the road (stop at traffic lights and stick to the left). They also know that they can help their friends out if they are ever being bullied. We used the distraction method, that is taking the focus off the person they are picking on, and if it continues they should definitely tell a trusted adult. Finally, they learnt all about listening to their bodies and the funny butterflies that can be in their tummies if they’re feeling unsafe. They know all about their five safety networks and that each finger is another trusted adult that can listen and help. Safety Circus would like to thank the students and teachers at Beaconsfield State School for having them and hope they enjoyed their time at the circus.

CLARK LEARNING GROUP

Welcome to another year at Beaconsfield. What a lovely bunch of stars – each shining with their special talents and as a group, (hopefully) a wondrous thing. We have started the year with a bang with all systems go from day one! The children are getting used to the classroom routine – still being fine-tuned - and my pressure for them to take responsibility for being organised. Year 5 students are participating in Project 600 – reading two sessions a week for the rest of the term. They will also be engaging in Intense Literacy Lessons to build skills. Year 6 students are very proud of themselves in mastering our Japanese. They could be saying anything to us!

Our new Guidance Officer Ms Scornor, who is French, speaks to the children in their own language when she comes to visit us, so we all know what they will be capable of saying by the end of the year!!

Thank you to the parents who were able to come to the class information afternoon. I am sure there were lots of you who would have liked to have been there, but I understand the pressures of work and other commitments at that time of the day. The Parent Information Letter sent home at the end of week 2 spells out what we are working on and the extra information on the back detailed some expectations. The main message is that EVERY DAY COUNTS.

We block teachers did advise that we were looking at camp at Mungalli Falls this year. Those who attended the afternoon were happy to support the three day trip and the value it offers. We will send a note home for expressions of interest. We will need to raise some money for it and will be asking for your support. More advice will follow in notes home.

Glenda Storry – Teacher

SPORTS

Although we have had some wet weather, a large group of students have begun fitness training each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings before school at 8:20am. Selected students born 2002, 2003 or 2004 will be invited to represent Beaconsfield on the Benalla Action Community and School District Cross Country at Bacchus. However, these students need to complete a regular training schedule to be eligible to compete. Therefore, students need to attend regularly to demonstrate that they have completed the training schedule. Weather permitting, our Auskick AFL program will continue until the holidays on a Monday at lunchtime during second break. All forms and money need to be returned to the AFL organisers. Our regular Interschool Friday sporting competition commenced last Friday with an away game for Boys soccer and Girls Netball against Slade Point. The senior Black soccer boy’s team had a convincing 2 goals to nil win while the Green team played an exciting 3 all draw but the Black Junior team struggled on the big field to score goals and were beaten 4 goals to 1. The Green Junior team played really well to win 4 goals to nil. The Junior netball girls struggled to record a score but our seniors handled their opponents reasonably to lose 8 goals to 2. Both teams will further improve as the season progresses. Our Friday match this week is a home game against Glenella. However, it was disappointing last week that 6 number of students missed participating last weekend because they had not maintained appropriate behaviour standards or returned their permission/medical notes or failed to pay their bus money on time so they were excluded from representation for Beaconsfield School. We are hoping for an improvement for the rest of the season. Parents and players need to note that we have more girls and boys wishing to play than spots available for each week, please note that if your child is not playing, they have signed on to play will get a game at some stage. During the April holidays, the NRL is hosting a special Rugby League clinic so the girls aged 12-17 years on 9th/10th April from 9.30 to 2. Enquiries and registration to Ramo phone 0417068132.

Peter Nelson – Physical Education Teacher

MUSIC

CHORAL FESTIVAL – Congratulations to the years 3, 6 and 7 students who have committed to representing Beaconsfield in the Senior Choir for this year’s Combined Schools Choral Festival. Practice will be held every Tuesday and Thursday during second break in the music rooms. All students have received an information letter regarding the rehearsal practices and venues for the 24th and 26th of March as well as the $6.50 participation fee which can be paid at the office. If you are choosing not to participate please let the music teacher know by the bottom of the info letter that needs to be returned to me please.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – String Ensemble rehearsals have begun every Tuesday morning before school. Parents need to be AT SCHOOL NO LATER THAN 7.50AM. The tuners can be found for Mrs More to tune all the instruments to be ready to play at 8.00am. Parents, please remember to SIGN THE HOMEWORK DIARIES. Mr. Matthews will advise the students when band rehearsals are to begin.

CLASSROOM MUSIC LESSONS – PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE could ALL STUDENTS in years 3-7 have a RECORDER, DISPLAY FOLDER and MUSIC EXERCISE BOOK plus a DRAWSTRING BAG to keep all their belongings in.

Carmel Pratt – Music Teacher

REMY’S RAISER

REMY’S RAISER – A HUGE THANK YOU to the staff, students and their families for the fantastic support on Thursday for Remy’s Raiser in honour of my granddaughter, Remy. Your efforts were really appreciated. I was completely overwhelmed by the response. The funds raised will go directly toward buying recliners which are used by parents to help support their children in the waiting rooms. The funds have been allocated for the NICU department at Townsville General Hospital, Ronald McDonald House in Townsville, the Special Care Unit at Mackay Base Hospital and the R.P.D.S. The money raised at Beaconsfield will be added to the funds raised at the Remy’s Raiser Fundraiser held last Sunday at The Deprecary.

Carmel Pratt – Music Teacher

SWPBS – Supporting Positive Behaviour

Over the last fortnight students have been working hard at being both helpful and responsible. To reinforce this, we have given out 212 PATs! The class who had acquired the most PATs in Week 3 was our yr 4, 4t Griffiths close (21 PATs) and last week our yr 9 Elodia group topped the school chart with 200 PATs. Throughout the term our SWPBS team sets a goal of classes reaching 100 PAT totals for the week. Our school goal is to try and have each of our 12 classes achieve this every week. In Week 3 we only had two classes achieve this goal, whereas last week, the number had increased to six classes which is great to see. We hope to continue to increase this number of classes over coming weeks until we are able to reach all 12 classes achieving our goal of 100 PAT weekly totals. I wonder if we can get there before the end of Term 1!

Congratulations to the following students who have received a Buzz Award on Assembly this term for having achieved 30 PATs: Brooke Jacobs, Heather Jones, Tymeka Locke, Douglas Kirk, Georgiana Cantwell, Kyelsa Campbell, Brandan Cash, Daniel Horford.

I am pleased to report that we have another 10 students who will be receiving their first Buzz Award at this week’s assembly.

Our whole school behaviour focus for this week has been “Returning to the classroom/playground promptly” after using the toilets. Teachers have been reinforcing this expectation with all students to ensure that we maximise the amount of learning and teaching time that we have in each of our three classroom sessions each and every day. Our whole school behaviour focus for next week is “Respect others right to learn”. 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 classmates. This expectation is one that is also strongly supported by our school community which has been evident with our discussions with parents and carers. 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.

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.

Darren Russell – Deputy Principal

OFFICE REMINDERS

Year 6 and 7 Shirt order and money must be in by this Friday 28th of February.

Student Resource Centre $55 amazing due Friday 28th February

Please pay $6 for Harmony Day ‘Our Story’ Performance on Thursday 20th March

Return swimming permission form for year 1 and 2

Online safety is just a click away with the Cybersafety help button now installed on all school computers in the classroom. The floating icon will be visible on computer desktops and is also available for parents to download to their home computer. It provides students with an easy-to-access, up-to-date and engaging guide to online safety. The button is a federal government initiative providing an online hub with 24 hour access to cybersafety help, reporting options, resources and information.

http://education.qld.gov.au/students/services/behav
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