Coming Events

December

3 2015 Prep Students Play Afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30pm
4 Rosella hosting Assembly at 2:30pm
9 School Concert 6pm
9 Year 6/7 Graduation Dinner at Northern Beaches Bowling Club
10 Prep to Year 3 Beacconfield Club Rewards Day
10 Reports to go home
11 Years 4 to 6 Beacconfield Club Rewards Day
January 2015
11 Canteen open for Uniform sales from 9am till 12pm
26 Australia Day Holiday
27 First Day Term 1

The Canteen will be closed on Friday the 12th for cleaning.

2015 Booklists are now on our School Website

Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Final school days of 2014: Congratulations and best wishes to our Year 6 & Year 7 students who are about to commence their last week ever of primary school at Beacconfield. The next stage of their educational journey begins with the transition to high school in 2015. Some of our students began with us in Prep and have been with us for a significant part of their early life. For some families it will be the end of an era with the youngest child now leaving after a long family association with our school. We wish them all well and hope to hear of all their successes in the future.

Important Information:
- School Concert Night - Thursday from 6pm: No canteen available
- Year 6/7 Graduation Dinner at NDBC next Tuesday, December 9th.
- Semester 2 Student reports sent home Wednesday, December 10th.
- P-3 Beacconfield Club Reward Day @ FCYC, Wednesday, December 11th.
- Year 4-7 Beacconfield Club Reward Day @ Blue Water Lagoon Thursday, December 11th.
- Class allocations 2015 on display - Thursday from 2.30pm
- Final school day 2014 - Friday, December 12th.
- 2015 School Book Lists available on the school website or on the office (download the app)

A Success! 2014!! Congratulations to all our students, staff and families on a year packed with accomplishments and personal achievements in all academic, sporting and cultural pursuits. Much of this success would not have been possible without the efforts and contributions of our tireless P&C team and dedicated band of parent and family volunteers who support our students in so many ways. Are you aware that our P&C provided over $12,000 in 2014 that supported families by reducing costs for the Year 4-5 & Year 6-7 camps, assisted representative sports students with travel expenses, subsidised special concerts and shows such as ‘Passion Magic’, Whitbyday Volunteers (Authors visits), Planet Rhythm Drum Performance, Musica Viva ‘The Chambermaids’, Mother’s Day & Father’s Day gift stalls, Instrumental Music Maintenance Program, Walkinri沥青 Performance support, Graduation Dinner subsidy and much more. We are extremely grateful for your support and assistance.

Recognising Long Term Staff Commitment: PE Teacher Peter Nolan will not continue in his role in 2015. After 15 years of dedicated service to our students and school he will reduce his workload to one day per week in a District Sports Coordinator role. We have been very fortunate as a school to have such an experienced and committed teacher to support and nurture our students. Music Teacher Carmel Pyatt also has close to 14 years dedicated service to our students supporting them in all areas of the arts and musical endeavours. Her tireless efforts behind the scenes have always ensured our school has had a strong background in the performing arts of Mackay.

Ongoing medical treatment for Multiple Myeloma will mean that Carmel will be on indefinite leave in 2015. We thank both these long serving teachers for their service and dedication. We wish Peter and Carmel the best in their new chapter.

2015 Class Structures: At this stage based on predicted enrolments and confirmed returning students we anticipate having the following classes for 2015: Prep A, Prep B, Year 1, Year 1, Year 1, Year 1/2, Year 1, Year 2/3, Year 2, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4A, Year 4B, Year 5, Year 5/6 & Year 6. Once new staffing is confirmed in the next week then teachers will be allocated to these classes. A reminder to parents that these are our anticipated plans for 2015 but can change if overall student numbers vary after day 8 of school in 2015.

Semester 2 Student Reports: These will be presented to students on Wednesday afternoon of the last week. They will not be available for families during the holidays. A mail out can be arranged if a parent self-addressed envelope is provided to the office in advance.

Chiristmas Holiday Vacation: Our entire staff would like to wish all students and families a happy and safe Christmas and enjoyable holiday. We wish you all that you support and assistance throughout 2014 and look forward to new and exciting challenges in 2015.

Brendan Smith
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Holiday Break

December 2014
**BUSINESS SERVICE MANAGER**

Welcome again to the end-of-year student report, which is an almost finished. Thank you to all parents who have finalized their accounts with the school enabling their children to participate in many of the non-curriculum activities available throughout the year at Beasewood SS. The end year of activities and participation in 2023 non-curriculum activities by students will be dependent on the level of support received from parents. We will be communicating more about potential activities as they become available.

The School offers Centrlink payments to any customers who currently receive an Australian Government Department of Human Services Centrlink payment, family assistance payment or Parental Leave to pay Beasewood SS fees for any fees waived by the school. It's book purchase, swimming fees, excursions, camps, and other non-curriculum activities. This will enable you to pay your accounts online in an easy and efficient manner. If you wish to receive this facility, you are a form that is available from the school's office and needs to be completed and lodged with Centrlink so that your payments can be deduced on your behalf.

Examinations will be completed in the same time each year and if you have children who could be going on an excursion or even swimming in 2023, it would advise small regular payments to be made in different amounts even from the new year of the school to ensure that your child will not miss out on those opportunities. Thank you to the students who regularly help by taking the flags down and putting them away at the end of the day. We will look forward to using SWPBS in 2023 with developing safe, respectful, and responsible students.

**SPECIALavra**

The last fortnight has been a busy one for Mrs Boush and our PAT setting and counting team with 4723 PATs being acquired for Weeks 6 and 7. That astonishing list of Buz-Award Recipients continues to grow, not only at the milestone awarded presentations and celebrations but also at our class presentations each Friday. Keep up the great work students!

Our lower school classes have moved to the top of our weekly PAT Class competition. Congratulations to our Week 5 Champions – Pelicans (Ye 1/2) with 3700 PATs and our Week 6 Champions – Ravens (Ye 3) with 3081 PATs! The challenge is out there for our upper school classes to rise to the occasion and again be awarded the PAT Champions mantle.

Congratulations to the following students who were Milestone Buz-Award Recipients at assembly over the last fortnight:

1. 100 Club – Blake Ghizetti, Quinn Mitchell, Monique Paham, Ruhama Wylly-Pels, Taylor Wang, William Johnston
3. 300 Club – Blake Defend, Chloe Dinner, Nathan Boardon, Sajid Muller, Henri Stocks, Tayrah Hutahin, Tilyaah Jelani, Andrew Crestand, Legon Linda, Dorrissie Bettger, Bridgey Evans
4. 400 Club – Joshua Wyatte
5. 500 Club – Heather Jones
6. 600 Club – Shay Gervais, Khayla Qahlo

This is the time of year that we would like to congratulate and thank our hard working staff and focused students. We believe that the school has been different with implementing our SWPBS program so successfully throughout the year. The program has achieved fantastic results with developing safe, respectful, and responsible students which has been reflected in creating a very positive behaviour culture across all areas of our school. Our challenge next year, will be maintaining and building on the strategies developed within these programs. We look forward to using SWPBS again in 2023 with developing safe, respectful, and responsible students.

**PELICANS**

**PERSUASIVE WRITING WORKSHOP**

Everyone loved making their tags with light and sound. Looking at the past present and future made us laugh. Individuals got great results. Converting 95% of our experiences.

As the year comes to an end, we're feeling sad. Nearly the time to move on to a new adventure. Seasons' greetings to friends and family. Here is an example of why we believe our class is the best in the school. I strongly believe that Pelicans are the best class at Beasewood. Surely you would agree that we are the best class because we always work around the school. Every Mrs Smith work is the best. Another reason is because we are always respectful, safe and peaceful. They are the reason why we are the best class at Beasewood.

by Zhang Hayes

I strongly believe that Pelicans are the best class in the school because we are always respectful, safe and peaceful. They are the reason why we are the best class at Beasewood. 

by Henry Lam

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by Riley Forsyth

What a fantastic day we had with our classmates. We learned a lot today and had fun. The day was filled with laughter and happiness. Thank you to everyone for making this day special. We are looking forward to our future adventures together. 

**SPECIALS**

Beasewood students demonstrate learning, co-operation, friendship and future in PE lessons. Sometimes we underestimate the value of play, games and sport to develop these qualities. The individual teachers make sure they challenge our students and help to maximize the time. This is greatly appreciated. I wish every year 6 and 7 student the very best in their future. The foundation their teachers have set will give them the challenges and consolidate character building. Every child is important but no one more important than the other.

Physical Education is a discipline of muscle motor learning that has three phases. Each child develops at different rates of learning within these three phases and each phase requires patience and goal setting: 

- Cognitive - new skill is learnt and tried with errors "I am trying" 
- Development - practice of skills and less errors "I can do it" 
- Automatic - skill is refined and game becomes a sport "I get it!"

PE teachers learn about biomechanics, anatomy, physiology and motor learning to ensure that the students are engaged in all lessons. Physical Education is not just Physical Activity it is Education.

The PE session is half an hour for each class per week. PREP - 3 are practicing skills of kicking, trapping, passing, goal scoring, leaping, and right foot-eye coordination. In Years 4 - 7 Classes Indoor Soccer is the skill and bond of King of the Game. Dressed in coloured bibs on court two houses challenge each other to score a goal. The winner stays on court and the next house replaces the game. It will be the last PE session before the half term and the last goal determines the winner. A Point goes to the winning house and adds to the Interhouse Challenge point counts from second break. Support your house to build a team and develop team spirit!

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**FIRST BREAK ONLY**

May the Best House not only win but display sportsmanship and friendship. Merry Christmas to all staff, parents and students.

**COMING EVENTS**

Friday December 7th, Development Officers for Parents

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Queensland Country Health Fund will be holding two Queensland Country Health Fund Laura Gehrl Beckett Clinics in Mackay on Wednesday 17th December 2014 for 8-16 year olds. There will be a Junior clinic 8-11 years and Senior clinic 12-16 years. As naming rights for Queensland Country Health Fund will be running a competition to "Win 1 of 10 Queensland Country Health Fund Laura Gehrl Beckett Clinics. This prize will include a Free spot in the specific age group clinic, a Laura Gehrl shirt and an exclusive warm up session with Laura. (5 available in each age group)

We would love to offer your students the opportunity to interview great competition! All information is updated on the www.qdcschools.health.com.au and complete the entry forms.