the cost less than what can be purchased in the stores; it also
allows the classes to have a uniform test book for each class. The
cost is $15 per student with the following payment options:
1. Internet banking
2. Centrallink Payment - Please see Sandra at the office for the
   forms to arrange deductions.
3. Payment at the front counter either Cash or Credit Card for
   full payment or part payments will be accepted.
Thank you to the parents who have already returned forms with the
payment. Invoices have been sent home.
All forms must be signed and returned to the office as soon as
possible even if you do not wish to participate in the scheme.
With the start of the year preparations are already underway
for swimming and excursions, to help cover the expense of these
activities, you are welcome to start placing part payments on to your
accounts. Please see me if you are interested in committing
Centrallink deductions. Less stress for you and your family by paying
over a number of weeks rather than having to find the money with
only a few weeks before the event.
Looking forward to a great year with great achievements.
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**PARENTS & CITIZENS
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P&C A&G & General Meeting – ALL WELCOME
Date to be advised
The P&C do great things to make Beaconsfield a better school every year. Please consider coming to a meeting, everyone is welcome and your time is very much appreciated.

**Canteen Uniform Sales**
Uniform Polo Shirt $30
Uniform Jersey $35
Bucket Hat $15
School Library Bag $12

**Coming Events**
February
4 Meet & Greet sessions with new Instrumental Music Teacher Cameron Matthews in the Resource Centre 6pm
6 School Assembly @ 2.20pm
14 Year 5 Safety Circuit Performance 1:45pm in the hall
21 Harmony Day

March
23 Choral Festival Rehearsal
24 Choral Festival Rehearsal and Performance

Welcome back to school for term 1 2014.

Congratulations to all students and families for their preparations to start the year. All our students look very smart in their school uniforms and have made a very positive start to the year. Teachers have been establishing routines with students and clarifying class expectations as well as our guiding focus of being Safe, being Respectful and becoming Responsible. I would hope students have been coming home this week keen to share with their families some of the excitement around learning, catching up with friends and getting back into play time games.

School Enrolments & Staffing: Each year every Queensland school must submit their Day 4 & Day 8 enrolment count of students to justify and ensure adequate staffing allocations are made to schools. While our current numbers are below what was predicted we are hoping to maintain the current class configurations. We are still endeavouring to confirm the intentions of some families who have yet to return and can’t be contacted by phone. If you are aware of any new families yet to enrol students or who will be new to town very soon then please have them contact the school immediately. Student numbers not only impact on the amount of classroom teachers we can offer but also our specialist teachers and support staff (PE, Music, LOTE, Special Education, Learning Support & Environmental Education).

Welcome to our new staff for 2014, Year 5 Teacher Lizzy Kay, Guidance Officer Veronica Sorenson and Instrumental Teacher Cameron Matthews. Also welcome back to Prep Teacher Aide Lisa Sonogan.

Class & Curriculum information: Teachers will send home early next week a class overview outlining all key learning information, class expectations and routines, key events and options to best communicate with your child’s class teacher. Teachers are also planning an information session in classrooms to meet with parents and outline curriculum priorities and learning goals for this term. Please take the opportunity to utilise this information sharing events to best support your child’s learning at school.

**WEATHER ALERT** – Current Information: At this stage it is anticipated that all schools will be open on Friday. A further Emergency Services meeting will be held at 5pm today to decide if this advice should change. I suggest you listen into local news and radio broadcasts for the latest updates.

**AFL Auskick Program** The district AFL development officer Dion will again run a skills and fun program during term one lunch breaks at school on the oval from 1pm. Students are required to register and pay via the information that will be sent home next week. Additional forms will be available from the office if required.

Regards
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OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

Following is information about school procedures and expectations to help us all participate successfully in each school day.

The School Day

Before 8:30 Students are unsupervised and should not be at school. If they do come to school before 8:30am students must wait in the courtyard opposite the canteen.

8:30 am Classrooms are opened. Children use this time to prepare for the school day. Quiet outdoor games are acceptable – only if students are ready for their school day.

8:45 am Instruction commences – children are to be in rooms and attentive.

11:00 am First Break

1:10 pm Second Break

3:00 pm Instruction finishes – students are dismissed.

ROADSAFE
Some clues to reduce frustration after school in Nadina Street.

1. Do not arrive till 3:05!
2. Do not leave your vehicle.
3. Move up when it is your turn. (Your child will be at the gate near the sign)
5. Be patient – we are moving many young children.

School Uniforms
Our uniform has been designed to be practical, comfortable, presentable, and inexpensive.

We expect every child to attend school in the correct school uniform. Hats do not have to be "Beaconsfield" hats - however they must be sunsafe. Baseball caps are not sunsafe and are not to be worn to, at, or from this school.

Shoes must be closed in – sandals or thongs are not appropriate footwear. Shorts, skirts, and skorts are to be black. Coloured versions are not acceptable. Jeans are not part of the school uniform.

The age of a uniform is never an issue – however its condition is. Tom uniforms are not acceptable.

Representative (Mackay or Cumberland) shirts can be worn to school. Awardees must wear appropriate uniform to receive their awards on school assembly.

In the event that a child cannot wear their uniform on a given day, a note from home should be presented to the learning group teacher. This is a courtesy. Should a family have difficulty in presenting children in uniform, please let the principal know.

We are not on about rules – we are on about expectations and a sense of pride. A copy of the schools' uniform policy was provided on enrolment.

Bicycles
Racks are provided near the prep buildings. ALL STUDENTS MUST LOCK THEIR BICYCLES AT SCHOOL. Scooters are to be stored near the administration building – neatly in the racks provided.

Tuckshop
Please use the online ordering or the "bag order" system to order lunches. Student queues before school mean that children cannot be "On time every time".

SPRINTS
Welcome back to all of our students and parents with 2014 shaping up as another busy year for our sporting students. As an affiliated school of Mackay District Sport, Beaconsfield State School belongs to a cluster of 7 schools comprising Cumberland Sub-district. Outstanding sporting students, (from 2002, 2003 or 2004), who will be aged 10 or above may be invited to attend trials to gain selection in these teams. However, students born in 2001 will be ineligible for teams’ selection at these higher levels such as Cumberland, Mackay District or Capricornia. Information about these trials in the various sports will be distributed as we approach these dates. However, any talented sprinters (club and personal times for events are necessary) are interested in nominating for the regional event we need to contact me urgently as the Capricornia swimming carnival will take place on 11th February at Gladstone. Nominees close Friday 31st January. Also, during the year we offer sporting opportunities in teams (with age limitations) that play after school competitions such as Rugby League, AFL, Tennis and Touch Football. Students interested in these sports will receive information as it occurs. So once again, Beaconsfield students will have plenty of opportunities to excel in their sporting endeavours. Our regular Interschool Friday sporting competitions will probably commence early this Term for Boys Soccer and Girls Netball. However, only students in years levels 4-7 may participate. Parents and students are reminded that all students who are selected in the squads must display and maintain appropriate behaviour standards and return permission notes to be considered for representation of Beaconsfield School.

Our Annual Athletics Carnival will occur again late in Term 2 but across country and fitness training in the mornings will commence immediately in week 2 for individuals wishing to compete more seriously at the higher levels. As mentioned previously, Beaconsfield School has again registered for Tennis Australia Hot Shots program and students will be receiving information in the coming weeks about Tennis where they can obtain a Free Shirt simply by registering. Also on Mondays from 1pm to 1-40 pm, a FLF will be conducting their AUSKICK program on the oval at Beaconsfield. The weekly coaching program will develop the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities in a fun and safe environment. The cost is $65 for the 8 week course and all participants from Prep to Year 7 receive a special AUSKICK back-pack containing a ball, cap, drink bottle, pump and other items. The first session (weather permitting) will commence Monday 10th February. All money is to be paid directly to AFL supervisors on the Mondays or clearly labelled envelopes may be left for collection outside the school office. No unprepared school office does not participate in the financial arrangement of this sport. Contact Dim 4931662 for further information. On Sunday 2nd February from 8-10 am at Mackay Golf Club junior golf will recommence with all juniors aged 5 – 17 welcomed to participate in regular junior competitions or learner clinics. Contact 49421362 for further information.

Peter Nelson – Librarian Coach

MUSIC
Welcome to a new and exciting year in music at Beaconsfield School.

Instrumental Music... We welcome Mr Cameron: Matthew as our Instrumental Teacher for Brass Woodwind and Percussion taking over from Mr Paul Johnston. Quick Start lessons for beginners in both Strings and Brass Woodwind and Percussion begin in Week 2. Timetables will be sent home in week 1. Confusing Instrumental students will begin lessons in week 5. Every Tuesday with Randi Brehm and lessons every Thursday and String Ensemble practice and lessons also begin in Week 5 every Tuesday.

Carnival Pyjamas – Music
A-Choir’s Pitch (winners of the Junior Folk section Mackay Elvis Festival 2013) is a community choir for students aged 8-18. We are looking for new members now join our choir for 2014. A-Choir’s Pitch is not auditioned - the only thing required is enthusiasm. Please call Hurricane on 0429 581 079 for more information.

BEACONSFIELD CANTEEN
The school canteen operates daily other than Monday, depending on volunteers available. Volunteers will be required to assist the canteen and the tuckshop. 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 49692215. Your help is needed! All proceeds from the canteen are used by the P & C to enhance our school facilities.

Our tuckshop operation and offerings are in line with the Queensland Government’s “Healthy Food and Drink Supply Strategy for Queensland Schools.”

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- Order meals for your children

Second hand uniforms are now available from the tuckshop. We have an abundance of shorts, skirts, shorts and jumpers. These are being offered at price from $2 to $15 depending on the condition of the item.

The tuckshop is doing a homemaker special every week. It will be different healthy eating options from chocolate slice to fresh fruit and salad. Details of the current specials will be sent out in the fortnightly newsletters.

Our current menu will be updated in the next few weeks with some pricing changes, please look out for this in your child’s school bag and note the changes.

Volunteers are desperately needed for Thursday and Friday, if you are interested contact either Jocie Underwood or JoJo Bailey at the tuckshop on 49692215.

SPECIAL MENTION – Canteen Convoy

BUSINESS SERVICE MANAGER

Welcome back to the new school year, be it a little wet. At the end of 2013 information was sent home to the Student Resource Scheme for 2014. This was intended to ensure all students receive the same books. The school has purchased the books in bulk which will make