week. Congratulations to the following students who were Milestone Buzz Award Recipients on assembly:

- 200 Club – Ciara McKenzie, Deja Roweles, Joshua Wyatt.

Our whole school behaviour lesson focus for this week has been from our Be Responsible list of expectations: “Raise your hand to speak/humbug up”. This expectation is a good one for helping students develop an understanding of some basic respectful behaviour when communicating, which can work towards establishing some positive relationships when interacting with others in the classroom.

Our behaviour focus for next week is from our Be Responsible list – “Take an active role in classroom activities”. This expectation helps encourage students to get involved and really make the most of each and every learning opportunity they are presented with while also setting a positive example to others. Making the best use of learning time at school and developing lifelong learning skills that will be of benefit throughout their lives, are other positive outcomes that evolve for students from this expectation.

I encourage all parents/careers to discuss and reinforce these expectations with their children to help them understand the importance of meeting these behaviour standards each and every day. 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.

Derryn Russell – Deputy Principal

**BEACONSFIELD CANTEN**

**Roster this week and next**

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**Meal Special**

- Fish, Tacos, sauce & popcorn $6

**Home Bake $1.50**

Our school canteen needs your help. We urgently need more volunteers to keep the canteen operational. If you or a relative have a few hours spare on Thursday or Friday please call Jodie or Caazna on 49892215. A big welcome and thank you to our new volunteers.

Ciara Little - Canteen Convenor

**P & C NEWS**

The P & C are holding a disco on Friday 15 August Prep to Year 3 5.30 - 7pm Year 4 to Year 7 7.15 - 9pm. The theme is the letter P so you can wear your favourite pink clothing or come dressed as a pineapple! $2 entry fee, glow products, snacks and drinks available. Please contact the office if you are able to help on the night.

**Coming Events**

**July**

- 31 - Griffiths Monopoly Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 3 - Walkariki Practice 2-4pm
- 6 - Rosella & Eichdra Swimming
- 6 - Walkariki Practice 2-4pm
- 13 - Pioneer High Information Evening Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 20 - P&C Meeting 2.30pm
- 27 - Walkariki Performance at MCCC
- 12-14 - Book Fair
- 13 - Rosella & Eichdra Swimming
- 14 - Muiska Viva
- 14 - Sporting & Cultural Leaders hosting Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 14 - Instrumental Music 2015 Parent Information Session
- 15 - Voice
- 17 - MOCR Competition
- 20-22 - Year 6-7 Camp – Kindon Outdoor Education Centre
- 20 - Rosella & Eichdra Swimming
- 21 - Clark hosting Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 27 - Rosella & Eichdra Swimming
- 28 - Lawrence hosting Assembly @ 2.30pm

**August**

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Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Mackay & District Athletics – Congratulations to our students who were selected in the Cumberland Team to compete in these trials. Successful students making the Mackay & Districts team will then have an opportunity to make the Capricornia Team and compete at the state Titles.

Parent & Teacher Interviews – Teachers are meeting with parents all of this week before and after school to discuss semester one student reports and set goals for semester two. Success at school for each student is achieved via a working partnership between student, teacher and home. It is the best way to review progress and plan for success in semester two. Teachers are available by appointment on most occasions to speak with parents throughout the semester, not just at report card time.

Commonwealth Games – Our classes have been following & discussing the games currently in Glasgow. What countries are taking part, what sports are involved are also some of the information we have been researching and sharing. Our student leaders have also been organising some novelty Commonwealth games events for lunch time competitions.

Attendance – Champion Class for weeks 1 & 2 – Yr 3 Irwin: best attendance and no late students for class. Great effort team you deserve the trophy bear for this week.

Camp Payment & Outstanding Invoices – Parents please be aware that upcoming camps for Yr 4-5 & Yr 6-7 are not far away. Families of eligible students have begun to make payments. Please be aware that costs for both camps were considerably reduced by the fundraising efforts from staff and parents as well as the tireless work of our volunteers from the P & C. When making payments please ensure any outstanding student levies for books and resources are also paid. Parents are most welcome to contact the admin staff to set up payment plans in case one large payment is not possible.

P&C New President – At our last meeting President Geraldine Dyer stepped aside from the position due to family and work commitments. Our school has been very fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and committed person to lead our P & C and play a major role in supporting our students and staff in all areas of the school. On behalf of the school community I would like to pass on our appreciation to Geraldine and her family. Current Vice President Bronwyn Pitt has accepted the nomination at the last meeting to take over as President. We wish Bronwyn well in this new role.

Dogs on school grounds – Unfortunately we have had to request that dogs are not brought onto school grounds when collecting children or visiting the school. Signs are visible requesting this at all entry gates. While dogs may have the perfect temperament, we are never totally certain how they will react when mobbed by many children who wish to pat or hold them. If this occurred and the dog bit a child it would be a sad outcome for all concerned. This also applies to dogs on leads.

School Touch Football – Team nomination: Beaconfield has nominated a mixed team in this after school competition starting this Friday afternoon. Our team name is the ‘Beaconfield Eagles’. Game times and numbers are normally emailing on Wednesdays. Training occurs during school time. We also have some junior girls who have joined with St Joseph’s girls to create a team in the competition.

Tuckshop Volunteers – Can you think of anyone who might help? Aunties, grandparents, family friends? Our tuckshop is very busy and we need to staff and appreciate any volunteers who wish to help with food preparation on Wed-Fri. Any day at any time would be wonderful. Please contact the office if you can recommend someone.

Brendon Smith
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JENNINGS LEARNING GROUPS

We are having a slimy time this term so far! We have been doing crazy experiments with slime in our science unit. Also, we have started looking at our First Fleet unit where we are putting ourselves in the shoes of the convicts who came across this unknown land. We are progressing in leaps and bounds with our maths strategies as all of the knowledge we are gaining is falling into place. I look forward to spending the second half of the year with the Jennings crew as we continue to work towards success.

Please note that our library day has changed to Tuesday!

Stephanie Randell – Teacher

CURRICULUM NEWS

In Week 7 this Term we will once again be celebrating National Literacy and Numeracy Week. Activities planned for the week will include:
- Reading Activities: “Read for Australia” Friday 29th August “Sunday Slumberly” by Aaron Blacey.
- “Dress-Up Storybook Character Day”
- Writing Activity: the “Furnace”
- Spelling Activity: “Whole School Spelling Bee Challenge”
- Numeracy Activity: “Whole School Number Facts Challenge”
- Details to follow around days and times in that week for each activity.

Jazinta Winner – Head of (HOC)

BOOK FAIR

BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Welcome back to another term. There are many exciting events happening this term.

WAKAKARRI: the performance of “The Hungry Gepertility” is on the 8th August at the SSCC. A group of our students have been rehearsing very hard with Ali Smeke, assisted by Mr. Williams and Mrs. Allen during lunch times after school and on Sunday afternoons. We wish them well for their performance.

MUSICA VIVA: The group performing this year is “The Chambellins”. This is a group of ladies who play the harp, flute, clarinet, oboe and French horn. ALL CLASSES have been working with the music lady in preparation for this performance and will form the concert on this term. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PERFORMANCE by allowing your child to attend on Thursday August 14th. The cost is $5 per child. Your child should have received an information note regarding the performance with a section to return with your payment.

MO8 (Macquarie Orchestra and Band Competition). The String Ensemble will be competing in this competition to be held at Macquarie Christian College on Saturday, August 12th.

INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM 2015 RECRUITMENT: The process to select students for next year’s two instrumental programs is happening this term. An information letter will be coming home to all year 2, 4 and 5 students assisting from a Parent Information Session to be held at school.

SPORTS

Last week, Beaconsfield competed in the Cumberland Athletics Carnival and performed well to finish with 124.5 points and 5th position overall. Joshua Wynn and Fabijolla Lourie were both outstanding in achieving Ace Champion and received a trophy for their efforts. On Tuesday 21st July a small squad of 15 students represented Cumberland at the Mackay District Athletics Carnival. We wish them further success. The next Rugby League event is for years 6/7 at the High School Challenge latter this term and on the last day of the term, the Stove Jacks Gala day for students born 2004 or 2003. The annual Friday night School Touch football competition is due to commence 1st August and Mr Smith has organised players to form our team. Also, the Mackay Junior Tennis Association is hosting their annual School Team Tennis Challenge on Sunday 17th August. Selected older students who are learning tennis from Alan Harris have been invited to participate but must return their permission forms to Mr Nelson by Wednesday 29th August.

Beaconsfield News

Barra feeding platform, Brilliant Brolgas & SCARY Spiders

Comments from the kids!

Gladia Storrey – Teacher

SWAPS – Supporting Positive Behaviour

What a great start to the term we have had, with 2245 PATs’ being distributed last week. Seven out of the 12 classes achieved our school goal of earning 100 or more PATs. We hope to see this number continue to climb over the coming weeks. Special congratulations to the Griffith class who were the PAT Champions for Week 1 having earned 602 PATs. Special mention to the Jennings class who were runners-up with 403.

Mr Smith and I were kept busy visiting classrooms and presenting Buzz Awards with 82 students receiving these last