**BEACONSFIELD NEWS**

**FORTNIGHTLY EDITION**

**5 November 2014**

Dear Parents, Staff & Students

**Grandparents Day**: Over 150 Grandparents and family members joined us last Thursday to recognize ‘Grandparents Day’. The School welcomed all our visitors to Beaconfield and each group was hosted by the Yr. 2 Roots Class. Assembly featured performances from the school concert band and the award winning Year 6 & 7 girls’ team who competed in the recent regional competition. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to showcase their talents in front of a large audience. Following assembly, Grandparents joined the children in classes, taking part in spelling quizzes, maths problems, reading groups, PE term lesson (complete with Layton Hewitt impersonation) music lessons and much more. To conclude the session a shared morning tea took place to reflect and share on all the old and new experiences from the school days of our grandparents. Thanks to the staff who made this day such a memorable one.

**MILEO 2 Cricket**: Congratulations to the team of girls who competed at the recent regional competition at the CQ University in Mackay. Beaconfield girls were successful in winning four of the six games in both the Year 6 & Year 7 competition. Rochelle Weston and Veronica Creese both took out first place in their respective year levels while Saige Muller and Emma Renner both earned 3rd place.

Our entire team was complemented on their fine sportsmanship and respectful behaviour throughout the day.

**Stage Excellence Award for Beaconfield Staff**: Our school administration team of Sandra Laidlaw, Cassandra Dennis, Geri McDermott & Jemima Annett were state winners of the 2014 Staff Excellence Award in the “Customer Focus” category. It is a great recognition for our team who do a great deal of behind the scenes work to support our students, staff and families. They often go the extra mile to be supportive and caring of our students. A very well deserved award.

**Mileo Cricket**: Mileo Cricket is aimed at boys and girls aged 5-8 and of all abilities. Absolutely no prior experience with cricket is necessary.

**Making Every Day Count**

As we near the end of the school year, it is important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 12 December 2014. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

**Community Events**

**Gut in Cricket** with Norths Cricket Club

**Where**: Wanderers Soccer Grounds Ben Nevis St

**When**: Each Wednesday afternoon, 4.30pm – 5.30pm

**Cost**: $30 per participant with an optional extra charge of $60 for the participant pack.

**What to bring**: Hat, water bottle and closed in shoes.

Want more information? Please call 0418 778 828 or email kcavolo@bigpond.net.au. The MILO in Cricket program is all about fun. The MILO in Cricket program is dedicated to helping kids learn how to play cricket. MILO in Cricket is aimed at boys and girls aged 5-8 and of all abilities. Absolutely no prior experience with cricket is necessary.

**Achievements, Awards & Assembly**

**P&C Meeting**

**Thursday 13th November at 3:15pm**

It’s never too late to join the team!

**Have you returned your Enrolment Forms for PREP 2015?**

**Coming Events**

**November**

6
StartSmart
Commonwealth Bank Term 2 Shop Year 4-7
6
Irwin hosting Assembly @ 2:30pm
11
Remembrance Day Service 10:30am
12
2014 Prep Students Play Afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30pm
12
Irwin hosting Assembly @ 2:30pm
12
P&C Meeting
19
Irwin Swimming
20
Echidna hosting Assembly @ 2:30pm
26
Irwin Swimming
27
Pelican hosting Assembly @ 2:30pm

**December**

3
2015 Prep Students Play Afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30pm
3
Irwin Swimming
4
School Captains & Vice Captains hosting Assembly @ 2:30pm
7
P&C Meeting
9
Year 6 & 7 Graduation Dinner North’s Bowling Club

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Over the last fortnight our students have been working diligently with meeting behaviour expectations with 4435 PTV’s handed in for our assembly. Our list of students in the 300, 400 and 500 Clubs continue to grow which is testament to the diligence and importance that our students are placing on our school community and the importance of being safe, responsible and respectful learners. Keep up the great work students.

Our PAT Champion class competition has been hotly contested over the last fortnight with only a few PAT’s separating our playing class groups each week. Congratulations to the following classes who have been recognised as our champion groups over the last fortnight: Wk 2: PAT Champions – Kodalas and Wk 3: PAT Champions – Eckidna. Our lower school students are continuing to lead the way with this weekly competition and are really challenging the older students of the school to work a little harder! Fantastic work junior students! Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised as our Junior Buzz Award Recipients at assembly over the last fortnight:

100 Club – Kaleah Kushnitz, Vomo Sami, Shallana Tabun
300 Club – Alex Cable, Talya Carter, Lyle Robertson, Ryan Flanagan, Mix Howe, Dalota Miller, Xander Clay, Dakoda Martin, Chase Reitke
400 Club – Douglas Kirk
500 Club – Brandon Cash

Our whole school behaviour lesson focus for this week has been taken from our Be Safe list of expectations of our students (“The ABC of Behaviour appropriately”). This expectation is an important one that students can apply at school and at home as it keeps everyone safe as well as maximising the learning (on the school) and personal equipment. This then also helps our students become more responsible as they care and look after their equipment or personal belongings in their future Personal Properties work. Next week’s lesson focus is another from our Be Responsible list – Be a little kinder. This one is of particular importance at Beaconsfield as we have always had such a strong environmental focus at our school. Developing young students who care and take pride in their environment not only ensures that we have a cleaner and more pleasant school environment in which to learn each day, more importantly it helps develop responsible students who will be able to contribute positively to our community and the adult world who also look after and take responsibility for the world that we all share and live in. Lessons that unfortunately many adults need to learn more comprehensively when they were at school.

I encourage all parents/carers 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 learners.

**Japanese News**

On Thursday, October 25, nine of our students participated in the annual MacKaye Regional Language Speech Contest at Central Queensland University. Twenty four primary and secondary schools from the region took part in the competition with 15 students in total. Speakers of both Chinese and Japanese from years 6 to 9 participated. Our year 6 and 7 students presented a self-assessment from memory, and also had to pass the judges’ strict criteria for pronunciation, fluency, intonation and presentation. The contest was highly competitive. After the first round, five students from each level were chosen to compete in the finals, for which two of the three judges were native Japanese speakers. Our Beaconsfield students admirably demonstrated their remarkable speaking talents. Our year 7 student speakers were Bronte Allen, Dorothy Chee, Kaelea Petterwood, Salee Muller and Veronika Crewe with Rochelle Wechsler, Emma Bloomer and Shae Robins in the Year 6, Koda Thompson-Cuzner providing stiff competition to the year 7 field. Our congratulations go to all our students, with special congratulations to our Year 7 students and Muller who took out first and third place respectively in the Year 6 division. Congratulations to our reigning champions Rochelle Wechsler, Emma Bloomer who won the Year 6 division for a second year in a row, Rochelle was joined with Emma Bloomer who won third place in the Year 7 division. Well done to all our students who were wonderful ambassadors for our school. I am very proud of you all.

**KODALAS**

**Saw for Plant**

Saw has taught us about what living things need to survive and how we can preserve Earth’s sea and land. It has also taught us that we may become endangered. One reason that wood and saws harm four people in many countries illegally cut trees. Examples of animals being hurt by the saw are birds, reptiles, grubs and the great blue heron. So what can we do? We can educate others about changing our buying habits. What can you do? Place rocks in the saw in a circular motion and rough weather, try to wear old and oak like your kayaks. It is also important to use the same way you use a saw is a half inch, look after animals and the environment and plant a tree every year or so, explore the ones that are living out in the water and make sure they are not cut. How can you pass this on to others? Write it in the next you see or tell them the facts. Written by the ‘Year 1’ Koda.

**Sawdust Stories - Teacher**

**LOTUS**

日本語ニュース (nihongo nyu-su)

**Japanese News**

We’re excited to announce that our first ever Japanese Rugby League competition is up and running! The team consists of 10 students, ranging from years 7 to 10. The competition is highly competitive, with players from different schools in our local community participating. The teams are made up of both boys and girls, and the competition is being held in our school gymnasium on weekends.

**SPORTS**

Our final Rugby League competition, the Steve Jackson Gala day for years 7 and 8, was a huge success! It was held on May 3rd and concluded with a celebration dinner and awards ceremony. We were pleased to announce that the Beaconsfield team of only 11 players played really well and won 2 out of 3 games and scored 20 points. Mr. Russell has some prides as a reward for their efforts to be distributed this term. Again, I would like to express our appreciation to our parent helpers for assisting the students and supporting our team members on Friday. A huge effort by all! Also, our Netball senior and junior teams played on the last Thursday of the term, each team won 2 games each. I am sure all of the girls enjoyed the experience and had a great time. A big thank you is extended to Miss Maha and Miss Allan for coaching the teams and showing great effort to the many parents who supported them by day and drivers and enthusiastic supporters. Our Inter-house Friday competition also concluded and it is planned to continue some form of competition in this format in Term 4. With the hot weather during Term 4, all students need to be aware of our health and safety policies, particularly with respect to their activities. Gum is a dangerous activity in North Queensland so we encourage everyone to be safe and enjoy. Every student needs to have a personal hat that is clearly named. Students will also be involved during PE lessons with many extra curricular activities that will be an essential item of clothing. After 42 years of teaching, it is time for a change of direction. I would like to thank the students, parents and staff for their support in our many sporting endeavours at Beaconsfield since 1999. Peace, this is my last newsletter.

**Peter Nelson – HPE Teacher**

**CLASS**

**LAWSOM**

**BEACONSFIELD CANTEEN**

**MONDAY**

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniforms: Shirts, bags and hats will be available from the school canteen Thursday 22 and Friday 23 January 2015 from 9am - 12pm. Shirts, shorts, and skirts will be purchased through an online order placed through the Beaconsfield handbook for uniform requests. The canteen will also be open on the morning of Tuesday 27th January 2015 for uniform sales.