



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and caregivers,

An Independent Public School

Key Dates		
✓	Wednesday, 7 September 2016	11.10am – 12.40pm Tabloids – Preprimary & Year 1
✓	Thursday, 15 September 2016	Faction Athletics Carnival Years 2 – 6 CANTEEN SPECIAL MEAL DEAL
✓	26 September until the 7 October 2016	School Holidays
✓	Monday, 7 November 2016	School Development Day

### Staffing

As mentioned in previous letters, you may notice regular changes in staff as they finalise their leave entitlements. Every effort will be made to offer continuity to students and learning programs.

We THANK the following staff for their efforts this year and WISH them all the best for their leave or new opportunity:

- ✚ Caroline Freel – Year 3 (Week 9, 10 & Term 4, Week 1)
- ✚ Jo Stalley – Year 6
- ✚ Lisa Coleman – Year 4/5

We WELCOME:

- ✚ Tim Mangano – Year 3 (returning Week 9&10 & Term 4, Week 1)
- ✚ Jeanette Tuttle – Year 6
- ✚ Sharee Declyn – Year 4/5

### School Survey

#### 2016 SURVEY INFORMATION

	PARENTS			STUDENTS			STAFF		
	D	N	A	D	N	A	D	N	A
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best.	12	8	75	8	4	89	3	10	88
Teachers at this school provide my child with useful feedback about his or her school work.	21	19	58	12	19	69	3	18	81
Teachers at this school treat students fairly	10	14	68	15	30	56	0	10	90
This school is well maintained	13	13	73	13	20	67	8	15	78
My child feels safe at this school	7	6	79	10	15	75	0	3	97
I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns	14	5	72				3	8	89
Students at this school can talk to their teachers about their concerns				20	25	56	0	8	92
Student behaviour is well managed at this school	19	16	65	19	35	46	11	18	73
My child likes being at this school	11	7	74	11	19	71	0	5	95
This school looks for ways to improve	16	22	62	14	15	72	0	8	92
This school takes parents' opinions seriously	43	25	33	23	32	45			
This school takes staff opinions seriously							26	20	55
Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn	16	17	66	12	19	70	3	10	87
My child is making good progress at this school	16	18	55						
My child's learning needs are being met at this school	20	24	52				5	15	80
This school works with me to support my child's learning	22	20	57				10	10	80
My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things				15	13	72			
This school has a strong relationship with the local community	35	20	46				15	23	62
This school is well led	44	23	34				16	18	68
I am satisfied with the standard of education achieved at this school	23	19	57				5	13	82
I would recommend this school to others	33	20	46				13	15	73
My child's teachers are good teachers	6	12	82	6	26	68	0	15	85
Teachers at this school care about my child	7	14	78	14	23	64	0	8	92
Staff are well supported at this school							16	28	58
I receive useful feedback about my work at this school							16	28	58

D – disagree, N – neither agree or disagree, A - agree

### Motivational Talk – Sarah Jamison (Former 1500m Olympian)

Beaconsfield Primary School students were lucky enough to hear Sarah Jamison share her experiences of the Olympics. Ms Jamison has represented Australia three times at the Olympic Games and won a silver medal at the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne. Sarah shared her long journey of becoming an Olympian, stories from the Olympic village, her training demands and about her dream of becoming an Olympian at 9 years of age.

Sarah showed the students her Olympic identification card and the silver medal she won at the Commonwealth Games. She talked to the students about the importance of eating a healthy and balanced diet for optimum nutrition as she stated “you wouldn’t put coca –cola in your car and expect it to go”. Sarah has dedicated her life and career to being the best runner that she could be. She had to move to Melbourne, run twice daily every day of the week and attend regular physiotherapy sessions. She shared that when she was competing in a world championship running event or an Olympic Games she kept calm by pressing her thumbs against her other fingers and visualised herself finishing the race. She encouraged the children to do the same when they were competing in the school cross-country or athletics carnival.

Sarah challenged and questioned each child to think about their ‘dreams’ for the future. She informed students how important it is to have a goal to work towards and to dream BIG. Sarah said “With determination, effort and support you can conquer anything you set out to achieve”. Sarah currently holds the Australian record for the 1500m. She informed the children that to compete in the Olympic Games takes years of training, dedication, early mornings and a supportive network of friends and family to help her achieve her success.



### Culture Club

Ms Jefferson

Thirty students attended Culture Club on Wednesday, 25 August 2016. They focused on culture from Philippines. They made a Parol, which is a star they make, decorate and hang on trees around Christmas time.



### School App

Thank you to the parents that take the time to contact the school when they notice inaccuracies on the school app. The school has been in touch with Skoolbag and it appears every now and then there is a glitch in the system, which has been rectified.

## NAPLAN 2016

NAPLAN 2016 reports for individual Year 3 and 5 students were sent home with children to parents and caregivers last Friday, 2 September 2016. Over the next few months, information relating to the school's NAPLAN results will be communicated to the school community via 'Letters from the Principal'. Stay tuned!

## Student Progress & Well-Being

This term, there have been about five allegations of suspicious activities around or on the school grounds. When parents report these activities they are thoroughly investigated and staff are vigilant in ensuring student safety. So far, no allegation has been able to be verified. If verified the appropriate agency such as the WA Police would be informed.

Could I please ask parents to report any concerns to the classroom teacher or the office rather than post unsubstantiated information on social media, which has the detrimental effect of heightening children's and parents' emotions without actually being a reason for concern.

Whilst I understand parking is very tight around the school, there have been a number of minor car accidents and near misses outside the school on Hale Road. The number of parents parking in the 'NO STANDING' zones are not only contributing significantly to traffic congestion but potentially putting students at risk as they cross the road. Fremantle Council have been asked to monitor the area for parking infringements.

In support of Health Education lessons, it would be appreciated if parents could please remind their child/ren about the following important issues:

- Crossing the road
- Talking to strangers
- Finding sharp objects in the playground or on the way home

It is fantastic to see all the children using the facilities after school has finished.

**Please ensure you are directly supervising your child/ren before and after school as staff are not available to provide supervision.** Unsupervised children will be asked to sit in the administration block until they are collected.

**Please ensure your child/ren are following school rules as they ensure child/ren are safe while on the school grounds.**



### Canteen News

This month's focus is Fruit and Veg Month. Last week the focus was on red and purple fruit and vegetables – plums, red cabbage, purple carrots, red capsicum, eggplant, pomegranates, red onions, beetroot, strawberries, blueberries and red cauliflower (just to name a few!). It was amazing to see the interest of the students especially their enjoyment in eating raw red cabbage, drinking beetroot smoothies and eating beetroot muffins.



### P&C NEWS

The next P&C Meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 21 September 2016. I will be presenting an overview of the Student Centred Funding Model and discussing school facilities.

### BOARD NEWS

The next School Board meeting is on Tuesday, 6 September 2016. The Board will be discussing the school NAPLAN results, survey results and proposed School Development Days 2017. An agenda is available on the school website and school app.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

**Professional learning opportunity for parents/caregivers**

Beaconsfield Primary School is organising a Professional learning opportunity on site for the parents and caregivers of students to assist with Literacy and Numeracy acquisition and the difficulties many students face in this area. It is proposed that there be two session choices, one during the day and one in the evening to allow for work and child care commitments. In order to book the presenter we need to have an idea of numbers for either the day or evening session. I would like to ask if you could please tick the appropriate box for preferred time and days so I can book to ensure optimum opportunity for as many parents and caregivers as possible to attend. Please return this to Beaconsfield PS administration office by the 8 September 2016.

Kind regards

Katie Andrew  
Deputy Principal/Learning Support Coordinator

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I \_\_\_\_\_ would like to attend the

<input type="checkbox"/>	Daytime session
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evening session

on a ( please number 3 days in order of preference 1-3 with 1 being the highest)

Monday       Tuesday       Wednesday       Thursday

Friday

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Vicki Jack  
PRINCIPAL

5 September 2016