



An Independent Public School

Key Dates

- ✓ Monday, 20 February 2017 9am – 9.30am ASSEMBLY Year 5/6
- ✓ Parent afternoon – meet your child's teacher, School Board and P&C reps
Wednesday, 15 February 2017 [3-6pm]
- ✓ Monday, 20 March 2017 9am – 9.30am ASSEMBLY IEC Year 5/6
- ✓ Friday, 7 April 2017 9am – 9.45am SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – ANZAC DAY
- ✓ School swimming – see information on page 3
- ✓ Faction Swimming Carnival – Thursday, 6 April 2017 12.30pm – 3pm
- ✓ Monday, 24 April 2017 School Development Day [no students]
- ✓ NAPLAN Year 3& 5 testing – 8 May until 19 May 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome back to the 2017 school year at Beaconsfield Primary School. This year, sees the school celebrate a number of milestones:

- ✓ The end of the school's first three years as an Independent Public School;
- ✓ The finalisation of its first Business Plan 2015 -2017;
- ✓ Welcoming of new Board members including members from community sectors such as the multicultural community, education community and Rottnest community.
- ✓ First Independent Public School (IPS) Review by external reviewers in October 2017.
- ✓ First review of the implementation of the National Quality Standards (NQS) in the Early Years (Kindergarten to Year 2) by external reviewers in March 2017.

The start of the school year has also seen a number of changes in the school's facilities:

- ✓ Relocation of the library to the administration block
- ✓ Creation of an Early Years (Yrs 1 & 2) block
- ✓ Creation of a Senior Years (Yrs 4 – 6) block including new classrooms
- ✓ Relocation of the STEM room
- ✓ Replacement of all concertina doors
- ✓ Erection of shade sails in all blocks
- ✓ Building of a new footpath alongside the exit from the staff carpark to allow parents and students to walk safely to the pedestrian crossing (occurring this week)
- ✓ Automation of reticulation on the side oval

Staff – Term 1, 2017

Rottnest Campus	Jo Salmond/Louise Armstrong
Kindergarten (Orange)	Sarah Billingham
Kindergarten (Purple)	Avril Mulligan
K/PP (Seahorse)	Adrienne Nunn/Sonnai Quinn
K/PP (Starfish)	Di Nottage/Renee Schipp
Year 1	Brooke Gray
Year 1	Nicole McCann
IEC Year 1	Melissa Hopkins/Kika Manford
Year 2	Eliza Dadson
Year 2	Sarah Lechte
IEC Year 2	Kerry Kelton
Year 3	Natasha Stevens
Year 3	Nicola Jacobs
IEC Year 3/4	Kathy Anne O'Neil (covering teacher leave)
Year 4/5	Louise Glassborow
Year 4/5	Peter Jakob
Year 5/6	Lauren Osborne
Year 5/6	Caroline Freil
IEC Yr 5/6	Chloe Hart (covering teacher leave)
Music	Kate Yeomans
Art	Veronica Wood
Physical Education	Louise Armstrong

STEM
Deputy Principal/Yr 4/Rottnest Campus/Curriculum
Deputy Principal/Yr 5/Student Learning & Support
Deputy Principal/Operations & Compliance

Emma Semple

Kirsten Dicker
Katie Andrew
Bronwyn Denman

School Focus

This year's focus will be the:

1. Implementation [teaching, assessing and reporting] of the WA Curriculum. This year, pre-primary to Year 6 students will study the WA curriculum in the following areas: English, Maths, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS), Physical Education and Health Education. Implementation of the Technologies and Arts curriculum will be trialled.
2. Planning for the introduction of a Language Other Than English (LOTE) in 2018. Parents and caregivers will be invited to be involved in this planning.
3. Implementation of whole school plans (Kindergarten to Year 6) for the teaching of spelling & reading (term 1), writing & mathematics (term 2), HASS & science (term 3) and technologies, HPE & the arts (term 3)
4. Implementation of NAPLAN online testing for Year 3 and Year 5 students.
5. Trial of new Education endorsed reports for Kindergarten students.
6. Continued provision of appropriate support for students with learning difficulties and disabilities.
7. Review of a number of school policies.

NAPLAN 2017

All Year 3 and 5 students will be given the opportunity to participate in all tests: however, students in the following categories may be considered, with parent/caregiver written consent for exemption:

- Students with a language background other than English, who have been in Australia less than 12 months.
- Students with significant intellectual disability and those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

Parents and caregivers may choose to withdraw their children from the tests. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents in consultation with the principal. This process needs to be initiated by the parent or caregiver.

If you would like further information, please go to www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Years K10/NAPLAN

Beaconsfield students in Years 3 and 5 will be undertaking the test online this year. A NAPLAN online public demonstration site is available for interested parents. It includes the rationale and research behind the move to online testing, frequently asked questions and mini-test examples. This information can be found at: www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site

School Operations

Front Office (Administration)

The front office is open from 8am to 4pm.

Staff: Fusun Duarte, Tiaria Wickliffe, Lisa Barrett, Danelle Karafil, Maggie Hill (Library)

Classrooms

Classrooms **open at 8.40am** with class **commencing at 8.50am**.

Student Attendance

If your child arrives:

- after 8.50am it is essential that you go to the front office so the office staff can issue a late notice. This ensures student attendance is recorded accurately.
- at school before 8.30am [without parent supervision], please ask your child to sit in the undercover area. This allows us to provide supervision and ultimately ensure they are safe.
- If you are visiting the school after 9am and before 2.45pm please ensure you sign in at the office. This enables us to be aware of who is on the school grounds. This is particularly important should we have an emergency.
- If you are not able to be at school to collect your child at the end of the school day, please ensure your child is aware that they should wait for you at the front office. This enables us to monitor the safety of your child.

If your child will not be at school, please contact the school or your child's teacher by phone, email or send a note with your child when they return to school. You can also complete an absentee form on the school website. It is essential that student non-attendance is recorded accurately. An automatic, computerised SMS for non-attendance is sent at between 9.15 to 9.30am. Please note:

1. Attendance at school is compulsory for all Kindergarten to Year 6 students. If your child has just started Kindergarten and you feel they are having any difficulties, please make an appointment with the Principal so we can better cater for your child's needs.
2. 90% attendance (9 days every fortnight) is the minimum level of attendance required to provide your child with the opportunity to learn and engage with the curriculum being taught.

Student Progress & Well-Being

Given there is only 10 minutes for students to get ready for their school day, if you wish to discuss your child's progress - could you please organise via the front office or by email an appointment with your child's teacher. Teachers have been asked to direct parents to the front office to organise an appointment time. Teachers are happy to receive emails as a way of staying up-to-date with your child's needs. Taking the time to talk at a quiet time ensures everyone is heard and students have the maximum opportunity to learn.

Once classes have commenced at 8.50am, parents are advised if they need access to the classroom to go via the office. Please be considerate of all children and refrain from interrupting their learning program. If you have spoken with your child's teacher and would like further follow-up, please make an appointment to see the Deputy Principal or Principal.

Swimming Lessons 2017

- Year 6 students – 7 to 17 March 2017 Beach classes
- Rottneest students – 13 to 23 March 2017 Beach classes
- Pre-primary to Year 5 students – 27 March to 7 April 2017 Pool classes

**Depending on numbers there may be some adjustments in lesson dates and location for year 5 students.*

Dogs on the school site

Small children often have no fear of dogs, forget not to approach dogs that they do not know and are often at the right height to be face to face with a dog. This puts both the child and dog at risk. **To ensure the safety of all, please do not bring your dog onto the school site.**

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 by their parents.

School Board

The Board is seeking parent representatives. If you are interested, please contact Alison Luobikis on 040 8907 100. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 21 February 2017. If you have any ideas or feedback, please contact: Alison Luobikis, Jason Beeley, Sharon Morris or Richard Bostwick

School Canteen & Uniform Shop

Thank you to the P&C Association for continuing to operate the school canteen and the uniform shop.

The canteen will be open on Wednesdays (orders from a limited menu– no over the counter service), Thursday and Friday (full service).

The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays 8.30am – 9.15am

Parents – I work with an open door policy, so please feel free to call me or drop in to see me at any time if you have any concerns, queries or ideas. If you would like an appointment, please call the school office on 9430 7055.

**Vicki Jack
PRINCIPAL
6 February 2017**

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WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Kindy – Friday only	30 JANUARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY	31 JANUARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY	1 FEBRUARY STAFF MEETING 3.15 – 4.15PM	2 FEBRUARY	3 FEBRUARY
2 Kindy – three days	6 FEBRUARY	7 FEBRUARY	8 FEBRUARY PL 3:15 – 4:15pm OPTIONAL	9 FEBRUARY	10 FEBRUARY
3 Kindy – two days	13 FEBRUARY	14 FEBRUARY	15 FEBRUARY PARENT MEETINGS 3 – 6pm	16 FEBRUARY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 3.15 - 4.15pm	17 FEBRUARY
4	20 FEBRUARY ASSEMBLY 9 – 9.30AM YEAR 5/6	21 FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING 6.30-8.30PM	22 FEBRUARY PL 3:15 – 4:15pm OPTIONAL	23 FEBRUARY	24 FEBRUARY
5	27 FEBRUARY P&C Meeting	28 FEBRUARY	1 MARCH STAFF MEETING 3.15 – 4.15PM	2 MARCH	3 MARCH
6 Swimming lessons Year 6	6 MARCH LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7 MARCH	8 MARCH PL 3:15 – 4:15pm OPTIONAL	9 MARCH	10 MARCH P&C Meeting Cake Stall and Sausage sizzle for Election Day – 11 March
7 Swimming lessons Year 6 & Rottnest	13 MARCH	14 MARCH	15 MARCH STAFF MEETING 3.15 – 4.15PM IEC AFL CARNIVAL 10am – 2pm	16 MARCH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 3.15 - 4.15pm	17 MARCH National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence
8 Swimming lessons Rottnest	20 MARCH ASSEMBLY 9 – 9.30AM IEC YEAR 5&6	21 MARCH HARMONY DAY IEC Year 3/4 BOARD MEETING 6.30-8.30PM	22 MARCH PL 3:15 – 4:15pm OPTIONAL	23 MARCH	24 MARCH
9 Swimming lessons PP - 5	27 MARCH P&C Meeting	28 MARCH	29 MARCH STAFF MEETING 3.15 – 4.15PM	30 MARCH	31 MARCH P&C Meeting Retro Bingo Night
10 Swimming lessons PP - 5	3 APRIL	4 APRIL	5 APRIL	6 APRIL FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL 12.30pm – 3pm	7 APRIL SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ANZAC DAY 9- 9.45AM P&C Meeting Easter Raffle
11	10 APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	11 APRIL	12 APRIL	13 APRIL	14 APRIL GOOD FRIDAY

