

The Beacon



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Dear Beaconsfield Primary School community

I think we say this every term – but what a hectic term it was! Some of the events that kept us busy in Term 3 were:

- Science Week
- Literacy and Numeracy Week
- Book Week
- Interschool Cross Country
- Faction Cross Country Carnival
- STEM Gamechangers
- Maths Talent Quest
- Have Sum Fun
- Faction Carnival

Well done to those students who participated in these events and demonstrated the Beaconsfield values of 'Doing your Best', 'Valuing Others', 'Respect' and 'Honesty'. We look forward to a rewarding and exciting Term 4 with many events taking place before the end of the year.



A big thank you to the P&C who organised a very successful night at the movies. It was a great community event and wonderful to see so many families enjoying the night out. The Emoji Movie was a hit with all ages.

As many of you are aware, I have been appointed to the position of principal for the next six months. I welcome you to make a meeting with me should have any questions or queries. I enjoy getting to know the people who make our school community a vibrant one and look forward to opportunity to work with you. Next term there will be a community post box in the front office. Please use this to share events, celebrations or community news that we can all be proud of.

Kirsten Dicker

Principal

20 September 2017

Pre-kindy sessions

Our aspiring kindy students have been invited to experience kindy life through three sessions during Term 4, run by Ms Melissa Hopkins. The first session begins Monday Week 3 and families who have been contacted will need to RSVP via the front office. If you know of any local families who have children beginning kindergarten next year, please encourage them to contact the school for more information.

Lost property

There is a considerable amount of lost property at the school. All labeled items have been returned to their rightful owners. If your child is missing items, please come and look through the collection. Next term, all uniform items will be donated to the school and non-school items will be donated to a local charity.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 20 September

- Year 3 Excursion to Spare Parts Puppet Theatre
- Year 4 Excursion to the Shipwreck Galleries

Thursday 21 September

- Room 4 Parent morning tea, 9:15am in the staff room

Friday 22 September

- Room 13 Robo Fair
- Last day of Term 3

Monday 9 October

- Term 4 commences

Wednesday and Thursday 11 and 12 October

- IPS Review

Wednesday 18 October

- Interschool Carnival Field Events

Friday 20 October

- Interschool Carnival

Faction Carnival

Our Faction Carnival was a great success and a big thank you to the students, staff and parents who contributed to making the day a positive one. A special thanks to Ms Sarah Lechte for all her hard work in preparing for the carnival. The smooth running of the day was testament to her extensive preparation and hard work. Thank you to those parents who have offered feedback for next year. It's always great to review and reflect before planning for the following year. Well done to the following students who were very deserving medal winners. The results were so close; we had a number of tied positions:

Year 3 Girl Champion: Isla
Year 3 Girl Champion: Zara
Year 3 Boy Champion: Rex
Year 3 Boy Champion: Kai
Year 4 Girl Runner up: Alexis
Year 4 Girl Champion: Bella
Year 4 Boy Runner up: Sam
Year 4 Boy Champion: Toby

Year 5 Girl Runner up: Elia
Year 5 Girl Champion: Grace
Year 5 Boy Runner up: Santi and AJ
Year 5 Boy Champion: Angus F.
Year 6 Girl Runner up: Sollya
Year 6 Girl Champion: Mimi
Year 6 Boy Runner up: Freddie
Year 6 Boy Champion: Stewart

Sporting news



Hinemaia from Year 6 has been selected to represent Western Australia in the 2017 Touch Football Team. She will be competing against other state teams at the National Championships in Adelaide during the first week of December. We congratulate her on her selection and acknowledge the hard work and effort it takes to make a team at such a high level. Well done Hinemaia, we wish you all the success and know you will do Western Australia proud!

Well done to the Beacy 3 Netball team, made up of some of our Year 6 students. They were lucky enough to make it to the grand final and were unfortunately defeated after what was an exciting, hard fought game.



Classroom news

The Kindy classrooms have been buzzing with action over the past few weeks.



From Kindy Purple: Ahoy, me hearties! To celebrate the end of our ocean theme the Kindy had a pirate day. Everybody dressed up and pretended to be on a pirate ship. We made a volcano that erupted, followed a treasure map to buried treasure and completed many other pirate activities. Luckily no one had to walk the plank! Arrrr!

Kindy Orange: In Kindy we celebrated Father's Day with a

Gentleman's Breakfast. Dads, Grandads, Uncles, friends and Mums spent the morning making toast and fruit kebabs, creating box collages and teaching the children how to shave with a balloon and a popstick! It was a fantastic morning and we especially loved seeing all the Dad's wearing the t-shirt their child had painted just for them.





From Rottnest: Parents and community members have been very busy creating a unique garden at the Rottnest Island Campus, including planters with self-watering systems. A reservoir of water at the bottom of the planter boxes provide constant water directly to the roots, meaning the reservoir will only need to be filled every so often. The garden has become an outdoor classroom with students covering lessons across most learning areas. A big thank you to Ms Jo Salmond and Mrs Ruth McLaughlin, who took charge of the busy bee and spent a considerable amount of time creating the garden. Donations were received from the Rottnest Island Authority, the Rottnest Nursery and Pedal and Flipper Bike Hire to create a sustainable, self-watering garden. We are sure that our Rottnest

campus is the only school with the issue of keeping quokkas, and Vinnie the peacock, from destroying the garden!

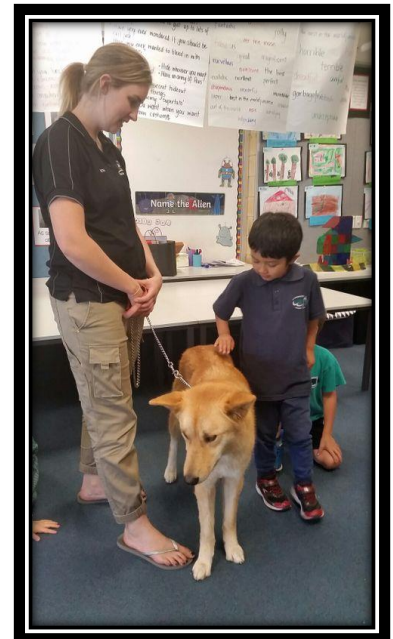


West-Oz Wildlife Visit: On Monday 18th September Pre-primary and Year 1 had a wonderful visit from West Oz Wildlife. Everyone got the opportunity to touch a dingo, lizard and a koala. We even got to hold a python called Hero! Thank you so much to Beth for teaching us some amazing facts about these animals. Charlie from Room 2 thought it was an epic day and liked how he could feel Hero's muscles gently squeezing and moving.

Alex Room 1: I liked Yappy the dingo because he stretched and then rolled over. Dingos do not actually bark, they howl. They are related

to wolves and come in three colours.

Darcey Room 1: My favourite animal was the koala, Keira. Koalas don't drink water because there's enough water in their gum leaves. Baby koalas eat their mum's poo. They sleep up to 20 hours a day!



P&C News

A reminder that the Beaconsfield Garage Sale will take place on the morning of October 22. The P&C requires donations of preserves, jams and chutney for the cake stall. A holiday project for eager chefs! Sign up to volunteer on the day at <http://signup.com/go/ObxfVbd>.

Thank you and goodbye...

We say thanks and goodbye to Ms Michelle Ferguson from Room 5, who is leaving to study as a Play Based therapist. Mrs Lynley Baker will be replacing her. We are also sad to say goodbye to Ms Lisa Gannon, our Deputy Principal and Room 4 teacher, who is leaving after nine and a half years at Beaconsfield PS. Ms Gannon has been successful in winning the Principal position of the North East Metropolitan Language Development Centre. We wish her the best of luck and know that they will benefit from her experience and expertise. Ms Avril Mulligan will replace Ms Gannon in Room 4.

It is with mixed feelings that I say goodbye to our Beaconsfield school community. In my 9 ½ years, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the Beacy children and families, and I take with me some wonderful memories of camps, carnivals, graduations, community nights, dress up days and my talented Dance Troupes in the many 'Beacy's Got Talent' shows. 2017 has been a particularly memorable year for me, as teacher of the wonderful Room 4, Year 2s. I am truly sad to say goodbye to this special little bunch. It has been a joy and a pleasure to work with such a special staff, the hilarity, the care, the dedication and support. I am looking forward to my new position, as Principal of the North East Language Development Centre and a different pathway. I have loved being a part of Beacy, as has my son and I will miss you all.

Lisa Gannon

Welcome

In Term 4 we welcome Ms Carolyn Park who will take up the Kindy Orange position, due to Ms Williamson not returning from maternity leave until Term 1, 2018. We also look forward to Ms Erika Holst-Marsh joining our Beaconsfield staff as a Deputy Principal. Ms Holst-Marsh's role will include learning support and she is looking forward to working closely with students and parents

Real Kids in an Unreal World

with Maggie Dent



Building Resilience and Self-Esteem in Today's Children (10 Resilience Building Blocks)

Children need to have certain basic experiences to build the competencies that will help them manage life — the good, the bad and the ugly. Popular Australian parenting author and educator Maggie Dent published her bestselling book, *Real Kids in an Unreal World*, to help guide parents in raising children who are happy, healthy, strong, kind and resilient. In this seminar, Maggie will explore her common-sense, practical model of 10 building blocks for children birth-12.

She will present practical, common-sense ideas and strategies to make small changes in your home or classroom/centre, which will make a big difference to your children's cognitive, physical, psychological, emotional and social health later in life.

Date:	Monday, 16th October 2017
Time:	Door and drinks from 6pm. Talk starts at 7.30pm sharp.
Venue:	South Fremantle Football Club Fremantle Oval, Parry Street, Fremantle WA 6160
Cost:	\$35 early bird tickets, \$40 full price
Tickets:	Please book online at: http://tdy.cl/se/PybLBHQ
Inquiries:	Emma Herrick: 0415 631 492



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YEAR 5 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 11 October 2017

6.00pm-7.00pm

**Performing Arts
Centre
South Fremantle
SHS**

Parking access along Lefroy Road

All parents/guardians of children who are currently in Year 5 are invited to attend an information session regarding:

- Gifted and Talented Education at Fremantle College
- Application in Specialist Programs
- Enrolment into the college in 2019
- How your child will be supported to learn at Fremantle college
- The Positive Education focus across the school

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