

The Beacon



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Dear Beaconsfield Primary School community

The teachers and students have had a busy few weeks at Beaconsfield Primary. The pre-primary students have enjoyed their swimming lessons and we thank everyone involved for its smooth running.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students participated in workshops delivered by trained Red Cross staff and volunteers. The 'In Search of Safety' presentations contained facts about asylum seekers and refugees through group activities and enlightening stories told by speakers who have first-hand experience of seeking and being granted protection in Australia.

Tomorrow is the junior tabloid carnival. We look forward to enjoying the sporting fun and games with our Pre-Primary and Year 1 students from 9:45am. Please join us at 11:10am for morning tea on the oval.

Unexplained absences

We understand that absences throughout the term are unavoidable. Should your child be away, please ring the office or send a note or email to the class teacher at your earliest convenience. This way, the absence can be recorded as a reasonable cause, meaning we are aware of the reason for the non-attendance. In order to reduce the large number of unexplained absences, we have sent home notes. Can these please be completed and returned to the classroom teacher or front office so that our data is accurate. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Board Meeting

The Board met on 31 October. The meeting covered a number of topics, including the verbal feedback from the IPS review and planning considerations for 2018. A reminder that community members are welcome to come and observe Board meetings. The next meeting is at 5:30pm, November 28, in the staffroom.

Art incursion

Next week, a number of our students will have the opportunity to work in collaboration with an artist. The project is called Every Day Super Hero and is an exploration of the small actions anyone can do to make the world better by responding to the question 'What is an everyday superhero?' Our students will have the opportunity to think big and voice their concerns for our future and then develop ways to take action and do something to create small changes. The project will be a long term co-creation with children under the guidance of professional artists, resulting in a participatory public art work in the Fremantle Festival 2018. You can find out more about the artist Alex Desebrock, who has performed and run workshops with children in cities and festivals all over Australia with a diverse array of works including Dear Hope St, Future Postal Service and the a Moment Caravan. Her most recent work Small Voices Louder premiered at Perth International Arts Festival this year. Further information is available at: <http://maybetogogether.com.au/>

Upcoming Events

Friday 3 November

- Junior Tabloids 9:45am – 11:10am

Sunday 5 November

- Jenkin Street Busy Bee

Monday 6 November

- Staff Professional Development Day – no school for students

Thursday 16 November

- P&C Meeting – 7:30pm in the staffroom

Friday 17 November

- Assembly – music special

Save the date

There are a number of special events taking place towards the end of this very busy term. To assist with forward planning they are listed below. More information will be forwarded closer to the time:

- 6 December: Open Night and SciTech Exhibition
- 7 December: Edudance Concert No. 1
- 8 December: P&C Community night on the oval
- 11 December: Edudance Concert No. 2
- 12 December: Graduation dinner at the Fremantle Sailing Club
- 14 December: Presentation Assembly – 9am at the school

Beaconsfield playgroup

Beaconsfield Primary is looking to facilitate a playgroup at the school. We are seeking feedback from the community as to whether this would be supported. Should you be interested in joining a playgroup or know of local families who would be likely to attend, please contact me at Kirsten.Dicker@education.wa.edu.au or 9430 7055.

PEAC

Earlier this year, Year 4 students sat the PEAC test. The PEAC program is intended for the most able students. Across Western Australia, 878 students have been identified using percentiles. This represents 3.5% of all public school enrolments. If your child was successful, information will be mailed to you.

The Garage Sale

A huge thank you to all the families who were involved in the organisation of the Beaconsfield Garage Sale. Heidi and Michelle did a wonderful job coordinating the event and were very capably assisted by a large number of willing parents and children. We certainly have a number of students who make great cooks and salespeople. Over \$4000 was raised on the day. A great effort by all.

Volunteer request

The Year 6 teachers are seeking volunteers to help install a Buddy Bench which is the Year 6 gift to the school. It is expected to arrive at the school by Week 6 and we need someone to assist with concreting it in. Should you have any expertise in this area and a little free time, please make contact with Mrs Freel or Ms Osborne.

A reminder that we have placed the Beaconsfield Primary Community post box in the front office. Please pop in a note to let us know of any wonderful achievements and events that are taking place so that we can all share in our students' successes.

Kirsten Dicker

Principal

2 November 2017



Classroom News

Rottnest Campus

On the weekend, Rottnest was hit with Carnivale fever! The Island came alive with a number of activities that raised money for Telethon. Our enterprising students spent last Friday baking in readiness for their Cake Stall. A big thank you to Noah and Finn's grandmother for being such a willing kitchen assistant! Visitors to the school were impressed with the work displayed in the school and the yummy treats on offer.



Room 10

Going on a picnic -
Written by Room 10
Year 5/6 IEC

On Wednesday, 1 November, Room 10 and our buddy class, Room 8, went on a picnic to the bottom oval. We decided we would teach our Buddies how to make sandwiches.



Before we started making our sandwiches we all washed our hands. Next we put two slices of bread on the cutting board. Then we put two slices of bread on the cutting board. We then carefully spread butter on the bread and added the filling. We used three different fillings - jam, cheese and Vegemite. We also used a cutter to make different shapes for our sandwiches and then packed them in bags.



Once we had all our food packed, we washed our hands, got our hats, water bottles, blankets and picnic blankets. We then lined up with our buddy class in pairs and carefully walked down to the bottom oval.

When we agreed on where to have our picnic, we spread out our blankets and shared our picnic. We ate our sandwiches, biscuits,

brownies and fruit and then played on the oval.

On our way back to our classes, we all agreed we had learnt something new and our picnic was delicious and fun.



Faction Names

A reminder that we are looking for faction names more exciting than Blue, Gold, Green and Red. We would love our factions to reflect the rich history and unique character of our local community. It might be names of significant people, places or events from the greater Fremantle area. The more creative the better! An entry slip is included in this newsletter and must be submitted by November 10.

P&C News

Families are invited to join us on the Jenkin Street site for a Busy Bee this Sunday, from 9am -12pm. Please bring your own gloves and tools.



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Faction Naming Competition

Can you think of faction name more imaginative than **BLUE**, **GOLD**, **GREEN** and **RED**?

We want unique faction names that reflect our school. They might be named after local explorers, significant people, important places or events. The names should be relevant to Beaconsfield and the surrounding area. Put your thinking hats on and have your suggestions in by November 10.

Blue	Gold
Green	Red

Name: _____ Year _____ Room _____




ALL AGES

music lessons!

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GROUP & INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

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November

BUSY BEE



Sunday 5th November 2017

From 9am to 12pm

Beacy families and friends are invited to come along and help with weeding and tidying at the Jenkin Street site



Meet at the Jenkin St site

Please bring your own garden gloves & tools.

More info?

Contact Kath Grimsby: beacypandc@gmail.com