Welcome

Term One, 2015  
6 February 2015

Foundation

Welcome to Foundation - it’s been an exciting start to the year for our Foundation students. We have spent the last week getting to know one another and establishing classroom routines, ready for a productive Term One. We are so impressed at how well the children have taken on the Foundation routines, particularly of a morning, lining up behind their coloured dot and ready to head inside with their purple folders in hand. We truly thank you for your support in this area. We noticed that the children entered with confidence and even those who were a little unsure, came in and settled beautifully due to your no-fuss confident goodbyes. A great effort from you and your kids! It makes our job as teachers much easier when we are all supporting each other and on the same page, so thank you.

This year we have four Classroom Teachers, a Learning Support Teacher and two Teacher Assistants who will be working with your child:

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Ms Grant (FA)  Ms Evins (FB)  Ms Waller (FC)  Mrs Purton (FD)

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Ms Watts  Mrs Baird  Mrs Lawrence
Learning Support  Teacher Assistant  Teacher Assistant

Important Points

Curriculum: Beaumaris North Primary School is an International Baccalaureate World School authorised to teach the Primary Years Programme. The Primary Years Programme is a programme of teaching and learning that focuses on the development of the whole child with the overarching concept of how to develop international mindedness. Our Curriculum is based on the Primary Years Programme (PYP) of the International Baccalaureate (IB), and the Australian Curriculum (AusVELS). PYP provides a framework that supports students to become active inquirers and lifelong learners.
The Units of Inquiry being studied this Term have been sent home – please visit our ‘General Notices’ page at [http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/general-notices.htm](http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/general-notices.htm) if you have not received a copy. A ‘Curriculum News’ update is provided each term for ALL year levels - a reminder for parents is included in the School Newsletter when the latest edition has been uploaded.

- **Foundation Newsletter:** Each week you will receive a Foundation Newsletter in your child’s Purple Folder to assist you in supporting your child and guiding them through their first year of school. In this newsletter you will find key dates for upcoming events, important information and some helpful tips to support you along the way.

- **Purple Folders:** The primary means of communication between home and school is via the ‘Purple Folder’. It is essential that this folder is brought to school every day and checked by parents every night. To those parents who have utilised the Purple Folder for notes to the teacher, we appreciate your communication and endeavour to respond to you on the same day we receive your note. Please forgive us if it’s the day after, as sometimes things can come up with our new Foundations that we’re not expecting! Flyers and notices are sent home with the youngest child in the family and copies can be found on our website at: [http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/general-notices.htm](http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/general-notices.htm)

- **Konnective App:** Please register for news, events, reminders and alerts straight to your phone so you don’t miss out on important information: [http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/pi-konnective.htm](http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/pi-konnective.htm)

- **School Newsletter:** Our Newsletter publications are available on the website by 3.30pm every Thursday – an email to remind you that the Newsletter has been uploaded is sent each week. Please ensure the Office has your current email address.

- **Contacting Teachers:** Notes may be passed to teachers via the Purple Folder or an email can be sent to: [beaumaris.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:beaumaris.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) – this will then be forwarded on to the class teacher. Please note that teachers are unable to respond to emails that do not come via the school email address.

- **New Parents – Quick Guide to BNPS:** Thank you to those parents who have made good use of the BNPS website and are keeping the Foundation Information Booklet on hand to answer any housekeeping questions. If you haven’t already, we encourage you to take a look at The ‘New Parents - Quick Guide to BNPS’ page.

- **Specialist Programs:** A significant feature of the Curriculum are our Specialist Programs; Japanese, Performing Arts Program, Physical Education and Visual Arts Program. The students started their Specialist lessons this week and it has been great to see their smiling faces during these sessions. A ‘Specialist News’ update is provided each term for ALL year levels - a reminder for parents is included in the School Newsletter when the latest edition has been uploaded. A coloured Specialists’ Timetable will be sent home soon for you to put on the fridge – please support your child and ensure they have the appropriate items on the correct day.

- **Reporting:** Term 1 – ‘Meet & Greet’ opportunity, Term 2 - Parent Teacher Interviews and Written Reports, Term 3 - Student Led Conferences, Term 4 - Written Reports.

- **Assembly:** Whole school assemblies are held on Monday afternoons at 3.10pm (weather dependent) - we recommend checking the homepage of the BNPS website before arrival to find out if assembly is being held.
Pick-up Areas: We are very impressed with how well the students have been coping with coming into their classrooms and leaving at the end of the day. However upon reflection, we have decided that Foundation A and Foundation B students will now be collected off the Foundation Deck between the Year 5 classrooms and Blue Room. We do apologise for any confusion however feel this will ensure less congestion.

Foundation Information Evening – Wednesday 11 February (7pm): Our Foundation Information Night (parents only please) is next Wednesday 11th February beginning at 7pm in the Foundation Learning Centre. We encourage everyone to attend, even parents of older siblings, as there will be some changes that will be worth noting.

Parent/Staff Information Evening with Dr Dan Haesler – Tuesday 17 February (7pm): We encourage you to attend what promises to be an engaging and entertaining evening that will hopefully give everyone involved some hints and tips on how to get their children and students to flourish and grow.

Hats: A wide brimmed hat must be worn in Term 1 and 4 and should be kept in your child’s bag. Children who forget their hats will be reminded to play in the shade.

Lunch Boxes: This week we have been learning about what food to eat when during our various food breaks. The children are beginning to understand this well which is part of our first unit of inquiry, “How we Organise Ourselves”. We are noticing that some lunchboxes are full to the brim with tasty snacks but the children often take a long time to eat and become worried when they can’t eat it all and are left with no time to play. It is worth showing your child of a morning what you’ve packed for them and when they should eat it. This also avoids the “my Mum only gave me a banana for fruit break and I don't like bananas!” We are encouraging the children to take home food they haven’t eaten or dislike so you are aware for the next time rather than throwing it away.

Water Bottles: Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school to use in the classroom.

Labelling: Please ensure all your child’s belongings are clearly labelled with their name including, lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats and clothing. Please note it is the student’s responsibility to promptly collect any lost property.

Art Smocks and Library Bags: Please send in your child’s named Art Smock and Library Bag if you haven’t already.

Late Arrival: Students who arrive at school after 9.00am must be signed in at the office by a parent.

Absences: Please provide the school with information pertaining to your child’s absence via; our online Absence Form (BNPS homepage), phone or a written note in the Purple Folder.

Canteen: Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday (not the days beginning with ‘T’) – all orders must be placed by 9.00am via QKR - see http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/qkr.html. Please ensure you provide your child with play lunch and fruit break if they have a lunch order (students can also purchase items with cash at recess and lunch).  

Celebrating Birthdays: Please speak to your child’s teacher regarding birthday treats prior to sending anything along to school.
Finally, we would like to introduce our team of Specialist Teachers and our PYP/Curriculum Coordinator:

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Mrs Hall  Mrs O'Brien  Koji Sensei  Mrs Davies  Mrs Ratten  Ms Anderson
Physical Education  Physical Education  Japanese  Music & Choir  Music & Choir  Art

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Ms Jessica  Mrs Jennifer  Ms Palo La Gerche  Ms Cody-Smith  Mrs Garvey  Mrs Murnane
Maddison  Barnard  Art  Library  Library  PYP/Curriculum Coordinator

We are looking forward to a fabulous year with your child and look forward to meeting you!

Kind regards,

The Foundation Team – Nicole Grant (FA), Sue Evins (FB), Kate Waller (FC), Tania Purton (FD), Karen Watts, Jenny Baird and Beth Lawrence.