Year Five

Welcome to Year Five - it’s been an exciting start to the year for our Year Five students. We have spent the last week getting to know one another and establishing classroom routines, ready for a productive Term One.

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

- Mr Arnold (5A)
- Ms Lowers (5B)
- Miss Williams (5C)
- Mrs Taylor
- Mrs Ashcroft

Learning Support  Teacher Assistant

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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.
**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. 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

**Konnective:** This year we are increasing the use of the 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

**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 – 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.

**Homework Program:** Our homework program has commenced. Homework is given out on Fridays and is due back on the following Thursday. Homework is normally revision of that week’s classroom work. Therefore students should be familiar with the work and able to work independently. All students will be given a set of Homework Guidelines. For more information, please visit http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/pi-homework-guidelines.htm

**Reading:** Regular reading is expected and a record of the reading material should be kept in the back of the students’ homework book. Students will also need a book to read during Silent Reading times at School.

**Specialist Programs:** A significant feature of the Curriculum are our Specialist Programs: Japanese, Performing Arts Program, Physical Education and Visual Arts Program. 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 Specialists’ Timetable will be sent home soon.

**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.

**Inter-school Sports & Swimming Program:** The Year 5 & 6 Inter-school Sports program commences on Friday 13 February and our school House Swimming Carnival will be held next Wednesday, 11 February at GESAC - for more information see: http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/specialist-programs-physical-education.html. The Year 5 & 6 Beach Program commences on Monday 16 - 20 February – for more information see: http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/extra-curricular-early-swimming-program.html.

**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.
Finally, we would like to introduce our team of Specialist Teachers and our PYP/Curriculum Coordinator:

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Mrs Hall
Physical Education

Mrs O’Brien
Physical Education

Koji Sensei
Japanese

Mrs Davies
Music & Choir

Mrs Ratten
Music & Choir

Ms Anderson
Art

Ms Jessica Maddison
Art

Mrs Jennifer Barnard
Art

Ms Palo La Gerche
Art

Ms Cody-Smith
Library

Mrs Garvey
Library

Mrs Murnane
PYP/Curriculum Coordinator

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

Kind regards,

The Year Five Team – Nick Arnold (5A), Lauren Lowers (5B), Kate Williams (5C), Jo Taylor and Sarah Ashcroft.