Year Four

Welcome to Year Four - it’s been an exciting start to the year for our Year Four students. The swimming program has been very successful with students developing their skills and enjoying socialising with old and new friends. 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 four Classroom Teachers, a Learning Support Teacher and two Teacher Assistants who will be working with your child:

Photos provided in hardcopy version sent home

Mr Doran-Brown (4A)  Ms Miles (4B)  Ms Nash (4C)  Mr Bray (4D)

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Mrs Sarros  Mrs Ashcroft  Mrs Baird
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.
**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](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](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.

**Diary:** Year 4 students have a diary that is kept in their Purple Folder. This will be utilised by students to write their weekly homework in, as well as any reminders. It can also be used for parent/teacher communication.

**Reading:** We have 15 minutes of quiet reading in class each day so please ensure your child is responsible for bringing a novel to school. Alternatively, children can borrow books from the Year 4 classrooms or the School Library. We are promoting the concept of forming consistent, regular reading habits, so please encourage your child to read daily.

**Times Tables:** It is expected that by the end of Year 4, children will know all of their times tables and associated number facts. We will be developing these Numeracy skills at school and ask you to revise them with your children at home.

**Homework Program:** Our homework program will begin in Week 4. **Homework is given out Mondays and is due back at school on Fridays.** Individual Spelling lists are chosen on Mondays and weekly spelling tests will also be on Fridays. Please encourage your child to practise their spelling words and to be responsible for bringing their Homework book back to school on Fridays. For more information, please visit [http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/pi-homework-guidelines.htm](http://www.beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/pi-homework-guidelines.htm)

**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.

**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.
- **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 (stationery requiring labelling has been sent home). 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.

- **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](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.

- **A-Z Parent Guide:** Don’t forget to check out our A-Z listing for anything else you need to know about BNPS! This (along with loads of other information!) can be accessed on our comprehensive website.

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

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

Kind regards,

The Year Four Team – Mat Doran-Brown (4A), Alexandra Miles (4B), Kelly Nash (4C), Doug Bray (4D), Angie Sarros, Sarah Ashcroft and Jenny Baird.