Year Six

Welcome to Year Six - it’s been an exciting start to the year for our Year Six 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 two Teacher Assistants who will be working with your child:

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Mr Plowright (6A)    Mrs Appel (6B)    Mrs Badley (6C)

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Mrs Le Clerc    Mrs Roberts    Mrs Marashli

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](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.

- **Diary**: Student diaries are expected to be signed by a parent/guardian each week and handed in on Wednesdays. Please remember the primary means of communication between teachers and parents is via written notes, not the student diary (see Purple Folder).

- **Homework Program**: Our regular homework program has commenced. All students will be given a set of homework guidelines. Homework will generally be given out on a Friday and is due back on the following Wednesday. 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)

- **Literature Program**: Our Literature program operates all year with groups meeting once a week on Tuesdays at 9.00am for an hour. We set up small groups of 6 – 8 students of mixed ability and assign a parent volunteer to read the novel whilst children follow the story. An expression of interest letter to volunteer for the program was sent home on Wednesday of this week so please ensure you read the notice and respond by Monday 9 February.

- **Leadership Program**: Beaumaris North Primary School provides students with the opportunity to develop the personal skills required to undertake leadership roles as outlined in the Physical, Personal and Social Learning strand of AusVELS - Civics and Citizenship. The following Year 6 student leadership positions are elected annually and generally appointed within the first two weeks of the year:
  - School Captains x 2
  - School Vice Captains x 4
  - House Captains x 16
  - Sustainability Captains x 2
  - eSmart Captains x 2
  - Music Captains x 2
  - Art Captains x 2
  - Wellbeing Captains x 2
  - Library Captains x 2
  - Junior School Council representatives x 2

- **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.


- **Year 6 Bomber Jackets**: The children are very excited that the Year 6 bomber jackets have been ordered and we expect delivery by the middle of the term. We look forward to seeing them proudly wear their special Year 6 uniform.

- **Year 6 - 7 Transition**: A Transition Package is distributed (by Mrs Simpson, Assistant Principal) to all Year 6 parents in Term 2. The package contains important information and dates for parents on the Year 6 – 7 Transition process – please note that all Transition dates are set by the Department of Education and Training. The package also includes an ‘Application for Enrolment’ form which identifies the Government Secondary College your child has been zoned to.

- **Graduation Evening**: One of the most exciting events of Year 6 is the student Graduation Evening. We will be holding the Graduation parent information evening early in Term 4. This meeting aims to clarify any general questions about the structure of Graduation, teacher and students roles and parent responsibilities.

- **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**: Please send in your child’s named Art Smock.

- **Library**: Year 6 does not have an allocated Library borrowing time. In preparation for high school, students are expected to begin being more independent and take responsibility for their learning. It is an expectation of Year 6 students that they use their own lunch time to borrow on days that the Library is open.

- **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 Six Team – Brent Plowright (6A), Donna Appel (6B), Claire Badley (6C), Hanna Le Clerc, Amy Roberts and Jenny Marashli.