

2021 was another year where the majority of teaching was conducted online.

We have been extremely pleased with the academic achievement level of our students as the Annual Report data indicates. Our student achievement data has been extremely positive and our Naplan data has reflected the quality of teaching conducted online.

The Panorama Report which highlights our academic results compared to network, like schools and state achievement, indicated growth particularly in the areas of Literacy and Reading.

The area of Numeracy has not shown the same level of growth as Literacy and hence our school focus is now in the area of Numeracy.

Snapshot of our school compared to similar schools, network and state as shown in the Panorama Report

- Student absence P-6 better than network, similar schools and state.

YEAR 3

NAPLAN Writing-% of students in top 2 bands

- Higher than similar schools, network and state

NAPLAN Reading -% of students in top 2 bands

- Higher than similar schools, network and state

NAPLAN Numeracy -%of students in top 2 bands

- Higher than similar schools, network and state

YEAR 5

NAPLAN Writing-%of students in top 2 bands

- Higher than similar schools, network and state

NAPLAN Reading -%of students in top 2 bands

- Higher than similar schools, network and state

NAPLAN Numeracy -%of students in top 2 bands

- Lower than network but higher than state hence focus on Numeracy now

Our return to onsite learning

After many ongoing interruptions throughout the 2021 school year, we still managed to conduct a variety of school-based activities and events.

In 2021 we:

- completed NAPLAN online
- Swimming Program - Year 4, Prep, Years 1, 2 and 3
- Interschool Summer Sport
- Year 5 and 6 Beach Program
- Year 4 Bike Education Program
- 2022 Prep Open morning
- Year 3 Traffic Education
- Year 2 Dance Around the World
- Year 1 Puffing Billy Excursion
- Year 3 Mini Beast Incursion
- Celebration for 100 Days of Prep
- 2022 Prep Transition Program Onsite
- Whole School Circus Skills Incursion
- Year 1 Werribee Zoo Excursion

Camping Program

Unfortunately, we were unable to run our Year 4 camp, but the Year 5 and Year 6 camping programs were able to occur.

School Review

We managed to complete our school review onsite during term 1. This was an extremely intense and thorough process over a 4-day period.

I would like to thank Kristy for joining us on each of the sessions. The findings of our review helped us to define our future directions, goals and targets.

The goals and targets are now outlined in our AIP which are reviewed and updated annually.

Parents and Friends

Although an extremely difficult year, our parents still managed the Class Rep Program, and the co-ordination of the Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls. I would like to sincerely thank Natalie Northey who has agreed to lead our Parents and Friends committee moving forward. We all hope that activities aimed at building parent relationships and connections to our school can proceed without COVID interruptions.

Beaumaris North Primary School Staff

To use the 'buzz' word of 2020 and 2021, the staff pivoted from onsite to remote learning with ease. On several occasions this shift occurred with only 24 hours notice. The effectiveness of their ability to teach in any manner is evidenced by the exemplary student achievement data as shown not only by NAPLAN but also by data embodied in the Panorama Report.

The dedication and total commitment demonstrated by every staff member at BNPS is to be respected by all. It was professional recognition of our teachers' skills and achievement that had many other schools requesting support and assistance from our staff.

The ongoing parent feedback throughout 2021 was one of appreciation and support throughout this unique and unpredictable year. This change in parent feedback was just the tonic required to keep everyone smiling in 2021 compared to the ongoing and relentless negative responses from a small minority of parents in 2020.

Sincere thanks to School Councillors

I would like to sincerely thank each of our School Councillors for their willingness to be involved and to be available when required. Your willingness to share your professional skills and knowledge has not gone unnoticed. On behalf of my staff, thank you very much. It is so reassuring to know that you can always share the highs and lows in a confidential forum with elected parent and staff representatives.

To Kristy Hamshare and Mike Fitzpatrick, thank you for leading our council throughout the year. I would also like to thank Helen Moore for fulfilling the role of Treasurer throughout the year.

We only managed a couple of meetings onsite but became very adept at managing meetings online. We are hopeful that 2022 will allow for great onsite meetings and communications.

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