



BEAUMARIS NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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BOOKLET

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‘Enriching Enquiring Minds’



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Welcome to BNPS



The first year of school is always filled with excitement and many new challenges and experiences. At Beaumaris North Primary School, we aim to create a relaxed, secure, and supportive environment to enable all children to thrive.

Children beginning school are at varying stages of development and will master skills at different times. We have a highly committed and energetic Prep team who are looking forward to working with you to provide the best possible learning opportunities for your child.

Understanding school routines can be somewhat confusing for both parents and children but we are all here to help – the Prep Team, the Office ladies, Class Reps, and the Year 5 Buddies who are very much looking forward to welcoming the Preppies!

Parent involvement is a key feature of our school, and we warmly invite you to become involved in the BNPS community and your child's education. A collaborative approach results in the development of positive attitudes and educational outcomes for our students.

Once again, welcome. We look forward to sharing with you the many celebrations and milestones that your child will achieve throughout their primary schooling.



Preparing your child for school

To help develop independence and responsibility in preparation for school, we encourage you to assist your child to:

- Listen carefully and follow simple directions
- Respect their own and others' personal property
- Speak politely
- Learn to wait their turn
- Recognise their own name on their belongings
- Display good eating habits and manners
- Manage their own toileting needs
- Wash their hands thoroughly
- Tidy up after themselves
- Fasten their own shoes (we recommend Velcro in Prep)
- Be familiar with pick-up arrangements at the end of the school day (see page 5)

Settling into school life

As a parent you have assisted your child in progressing through the many and varied developmental milestones such as crawling, walking, and communicating. You will be able to continue your valuable role as your child transitions from pre-school to Prep and commences a new and exciting learning journey at BNPS. It is important to acknowledge that not all children will master their learning at the same time.

You can provide encouragement and opportunities to assist in the development of many skills - consistent praise of any effort and achievement is always beneficial. Most children will settle quickly and happily into the routine of school; however, some may feel anxious about coming to school. Modelling good coping strategies and reinforcing the positive aspects will assist your child to feel secure in their new environment.

2023 Prep Starting Dates & Times

Monday 30 January 2023	9.15am until 1.15pm
Tuesday 31 January 2023	9.00am until 3.30pm
Wednesday 1, 8, 15 & 22 February 2023 Wednesday 1 & 8 March 2023	No school for Prep students - each Wednesday is allocated to individual appointments with Prep children to participate in Department of Education & Training (DET) Online Numeracy and English interviews with their teacher – a letter with your appointment time will be communicated to you in due course.
Monday 13 March 2023	Public Holiday - Labour Day
From Wednesday 15 March 2023	Prep students attend every day from 9.00am – 3.30pm

Drop Off & Pick Up Arrangements

Upon arrival to school, please help your child to locate his/her named bag peg and place school bag on the peg. Please note that students and parents are not permitted to enter classrooms or corridors before 9am. These arrangements may change, depending on COVID safe requirements which will be communicated to us by DET and DHHS. We will notify you of any changes.

DAY 1 (9.15am – 1.15pm) Monday 30 January	9am – 3.30pm Tuesday 31 January, Thursday 2 & Friday 3 February	FROM (9am – 3.30pm) Monday 6 February
<p>DROP OFF Please take your child to their classroom at 9.15am - once you have said your goodbyes, we recommend leaving promptly.</p> <p>PICK UP Please collect your child from their classroom at 1.15pm.</p>	<p>DROP OFF Please take your child to their classroom at 9.00am once you have said your goodbyes, we recommend leaving promptly.</p> <p>PICK UP Please collect your child from the following area at 3.30pm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Green Room (PA) Prep deck area ▪ Blue Room (PB) Prep deck area ▪ Red Room (PC) Prep Assembly area* ▪ Yellow Room (PD) Prep Assembly area* <p>Please wait in your designated area to avoid congestion and confusion and be prompt in collecting your child to avoid anxiety and tears.</p>	<p>DROP OFF Prep students are required to line up in the Prep Assembly area by 8.55am at the coloured dot that corresponds with their room colour:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Green Room (PA) ▪ Blue Room (PB) ▪ Red Room (PC) ▪ Yellow Room (PD) <p>To encourage independence and minimise confusion, we ask that parents move to the rear of the assembly area (closest to the Office). To minimise disruption to the class, we ask that parents do not enter the school building after morning assembly.</p> <p>PICK UP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Green Room (PA) Prep deck area ▪ Blue Room (PB) Prep deck area ▪ Red Room (PC) Prep Assembly area* ▪ Yellow Room (PD) Prep Assembly area*

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) Arrangements: If your child is attending before school care, an OSHC staff member will walk them to the Prep Learning Centre where they will be signed in by one of the Prep teachers. The children will then have the opportunity to hang their bags on their pegs and collect what they need before line-up. If your child is attending after school care, they will be picked up by an OSHC staff member and taken to the OSHC room.

*Prep Assembly Area - the asphalt area outside the Prep Learning Centre on the Wood Street side of the school.

Key Things to Note

- A 'Stationery Pack' will be delivered to your child's classroom in preparation for the first day of school unless you advised us that you would be sourcing your own.
- We encourage you to login to Compass daily (once your child commences school) as this is our primary means of communication. Information is NOT sent home in hard copy.
- If consent/payment for excursions and incursions is not completed on Compass by the 'due by date', your child will be unable to participate/attend.
- Full Day Absences MUST be reported via Compass on the day of absence (early in the morning or before 11am, to avoid email notification).
- Students arriving to school after 9.00am or leaving during school hours MUST be signed in/out by a parent/carer via the Kiosk at the Office.
- Students must NOT be left alone in the school grounds before 8.45am or after 3.45pm.
- The 'Two Minute Zone/Kiss N Go' on Wood Street MUST NOT be used for parking and/or leaving your car. Bayside Council strictly monitors this zone. Parking Infringements will occur.
- Parents and students are NOT permitted to walk through staff car parks OR use them for parking.
- Riding of scooters, bikes, skateboards etc., is NOT permitted in the school grounds at drop-off or pick- up (school and non-school children).
- All children are required to wear a broad brimmed bottle green hat for protection from the sun from 1 September to 30 April.
- From time-to-time we send emails to parents via Compass. Please search your 'Junk E-mail' folder for 'Beaumaris North Primary School' to ensure BNPS emails are not being filtered as spam. If you find an email from 'Beaumaris North Primary School' in your 'Junk E-mail' folder, or to prevent future BNPS emails getting sent to spam, please add us to your Contact List, Address Book or Safe Senders List.
- Notes may be sent to your classroom teacher via the multi-purpose bag, or you can send an email (marked to the attention of your child's teacher) to:
beaumaris.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au



We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable Summer holiday - see you in 2023!