



BEAUMARIS NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



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BOOKLET

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‘Enriching Enquiring Minds’



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Book Week



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 Lovely 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.



International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Beaumaris North Primary School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School authorised to teach the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP). It is an internationally recognised programme and provides the framework for implementing the Victorian Curriculum.

Our school is a dynamic and progressive school with an active commitment to the maintenance of an open, co-operative, considerate and friendly environment in which all children are encouraged to reach their full potential. The safety and wellbeing of all students is paramount.

The IB Primary Years Programme is an international programme of teaching and learning that focuses on the development of the whole child with the overarching concept of how to develop international mindedness. The PYP strives towards developing internationally minded students who demonstrate the attributes of the IB Learner Profile. Accordingly, at BNPS we aim to educate inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring students, who are encouraged to ask challenging questions, critically reflect, and take responsible action.

Our Vision

We will CARE for others, showing EMPATHY, compassion and RESPECT towards the needs and feelings of others. We will show RESPONSIBILITY to our own learning and belongings, showing self-discipline and commitment. We will show TRUST acting with integrity, honesty, and a strong sense of fairness.



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.

2024 Prep Starting Dates & Times

Tuesday 30 January 2024	9.15am until 1.15pm
Wednesday 31 January Wednesday 7, 14, 21 & 28 February Wednesday 6 March	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 11 March 2024	Public Holiday - Labour Day
From Wednesday 13 March 2024	Prep students attend every day from 9.00am – 3.30pm
Tuesday 12 March 2024	School Photos

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 9.00am.

DAY 1 (9.15am – 1.15pm) Tuesday 30 January	9.00am – 3.30pm Thursday 1 & Friday 2 February	FROM (9.00am – 3.30pm) Monday 5 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"> ▪ Blue Room Prep deck area ▪ Red Room Prep Assembly area* ▪ Yellow Room 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"> ▪ Blue Room ▪ Red Room ▪ Yellow Room <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"> ▪ Blue Room Prep deck area ▪ Red Room Prep assembly area* ▪ Yellow Room 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

Things To Do Before 2024

- Read 'A Quick Guide to BNPS' (available at all times on the 'Parent Information' page of our website). <https://beaumarisnorthps.vic.edu.au/parent-information/quick-guide-for-new-families/>
- Download and login to the Compass School Manager app and/or web-based portal (login details included).
- Download the Qkr app and add a profile for your child (used for various school payments including Canteen and Uniform Shop orders).
- Apply for a Working with Children Check if you wish to volunteer at BNPS.
- Check and treat (if necessary) your child for head lice.
- Make sure all clothing and belongings are clearly labelled (see labelling guidelines on our website: Parent Information > Uniform > Labelling).

What To Pack In Your Child's School Bag

- Play lunch/recess eg, muesli bar, fruit, a sandwich, sultanas or any other small snack and lunch (please note that lunch is **not** required for the first day) – no nuts or nut products (spreads/bars etc)
- A named, refillable water bottle
- A piece of fruit (or vegetable) for fruit break
- School sunhat
- Spare underwear and socks in a named zip lock bag
- Library bag

2024 School Term Dates & Public Holidays

Term 1	Tuesday 30 January to Thursday 28 March
	School Photos – Tuesday 12 March
	Labour Day - Monday 11 March
Term 2	Monday 15 April to Friday 28 June
	ANZAC Day - Thursday 25 April King's Birthday - Monday 10 June
Term 3	Monday 15 July to Friday 20 September
Term 4	Monday 7 October to Friday 20 December
	Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday 5 November

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 11.00am, 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 2024!