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Week 1 Term 3 2018

Newsletter

Welcome Back

I hope all families had an enjoyable holiday break. A special welcome is extended to the nine new students who have joined the Beckenham community this term. This term we look forward to the Faction Athletics Carnival in Week 7 and the school musical and dance production "*The Planet Earth report – ICURAM8!*" in Week 8.

The last two weeks of this term will see the students participating in swimming lessons.

Grounds Improvements

During the school holidays the reticulation of our oval commenced. This is going to result in a significant amount of time being saved by the gardener as there will no longer be a need to put out and move pipes. It will also improve the quality of the surface due to regular and full watering of the oval. This project should be completed soon.

A Section of paving which had subsided in front of the library was replaced with concrete and some of the slabs re-laid as they had become trip hazards.

Parent Survey

The parent survey closes tomorrow afternoon. Thank you to the more than 70 parents who have completed it to date. Your feedback is valued and results from the survey will be published in a later newsletter this term.

The link to the survey is <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/mnjfxhKK/Login>

Explicit Instruction

As part of our work towards developing an Explicit Instruction model within the school, teachers are developing lesson 'warm ups'. The warm up is at the beginning of the lesson and involves students revising previously learnt information, skills and concepts. Warm ups assist students to shift information from short to long term memory as well as to develop automatic recall of essential information and facts they need in order to complete literacy and numeracy tasks. The warm up will be our focus for the remainder of this year.

Therapy Focus Art Competition

Each year Therapy Focus holds an Art Competition whereby students draw pictures to illustrate a story book. This year's book encourages the reader to look past differences and celebrate the uniqueness of every individual. Out of 5300 entries Beckenham Primary had three finalists and one winner! Congratulations to Dieon Dino who will have his illustration included in the book and to our three finalists Chloe Muir, Patricia Alone and Kirsten Dela Cruz. A great achievement!

Voluntary Contributions

Thank you very much to all families who have paid their voluntary contributions so far this year. The contribution amount is \$40.00 per student and can be paid at the front office.

Kind regards,
John Gillett
PRINCIPAL

APPLICATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2019

Applications for Kindergarten 2019 close on Friday 20th July. If you have not completed the form you can obtain one from the front office or download from our website. As we only have 2 classes next year for Kindy we take closest to the school first. Either way a letter will be forwarded to all applicants regarding the outcome.

HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Thank you to the families that have donated a can towards our 'Help Our Community' campaign. We have received soups, beans, pasta, cereal and other tinned items. If you would like to help this worthy cause you still have time to donate. Our school chaplain will be delivering our collection on Monday 30th July, so just drop off your donation to the front office or to your child's class room. Again many thanks for supporting our needy.



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

LUNCHES

A reminder that Subway is to be ordered and placed in the blue box no later than Wednesday (not Thursday). Orders will be sent to the school for Thursday lunch. Hot food from Sevenoaks Café must be ordered by Friday for delivery on Tuesday, also place in the blue box. Order forms can be found on the round stand outside the front office.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have moved in the holidays and not updated your details to the office please do so as soon as possible. Don't forget you can use the Skoolbag App for all changes to addresses, phone numbers and absentees.

SKOOLBAG APP

Skoolbag app is a great way of keeping up with what's happening around our school. Incursions, excursions, new events, fundraisers, newsletters, term planners and uniform order forms are all updated through this app. Download it now to keep up with our busy school.

MEDICATION

If your child needs to be administered medication you will need to complete a form from the front office. A copy will be sent to the class room teacher informing him/her of dose and times required.

ANIMALS ON SITE

Please note as lovable as your furry friend is, animals are not allowed on site. This is a Departmental Policy and many children are not only scared but suffer allergies from pet fur.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY COUNTS

We want all our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Under the provisions of the Education Act all absences and late arrivals must be explained. A medical certificate is required for any extended absences. Attendance letters are sent regularly to parents who fail to authorise a child's absence or lateness. When replying to these letters please include your child's name, the date and specific reason for the absence. The school uses a SMS (Short Message Service). An SMS is sent to parents mobile phones by 10:00am on the day of absence. We encourage you to reply to the message and give a reason for the child's absence on 0409 687 220.

School Refusal

School refusal refers to severe emotional upset experienced by a child at the prospect of attending school that can result in significant school absence. School refusal is different from truancy in that the child is staying at home with the knowledge of the family and despite their best efforts to enforce attendance. Children who refuse school do not typically engage in antisocial behaviour that is associated with truancy, such as lying, stealing or destruction of property.

What are the signs of school refusal?

Most children are occasionally reluctant to go to school or have some anxiety about activities like school camp. It is normal for children to miss some days of school during the year. School refusal is a more persistent problem that might be characterised by some of the following signs:

tearfulness before school or repeated pleas to stay at home

tantrums, clinginess, dawdling or running away before school

frequent complaints of illness before or during school, such as stomach aches, headaches, dizziness or fatigue

difficulty attending school after weekends, holidays, school camps or sports

long, unexplained absences from school

periodic absences or missed classes for which no explanation is given frequent lateness to school

long periods spent in the sick bay or principal's office.

What are the consequences of school refusal?

School refusal is a serious issue that is best managed early. Long absences mean that children miss out on important parts of the curriculum, which is detrimental to their learning and development. A week can be a long time in the playground, so frequent absences might jeopardise children's social relationships. School refusal can also create conflict and strained relationships within families as a result of disruptions to their routines, and might even affect income as parents or carers forgo work to stay home with the child. Children who miss school as a result of refusal might also face long-term problems. Some research has shown that school refusal can contribute to mental health difficulties, emotional and social problems, exiting school early and occupational dysfunction in later life.

What can we do together? The school will work with the family to understand why the child might be refusing school.



YEAR 4 PEAC TESTING

The PEAC Program provides part time extension and enrichment for exceptionally able students in Years 5 and 6. PEAC offers a range of courses that provide the most able students with work that is intellectually challenging. All students in Year 4 will have the opportunity to be assessed for suitability for the PEAC Program. Students who are performing well at school are possible candidates for the program. There are some students in Year 4 whose potential is not so easily recognised. There may be students who are underachieving at school and there are some students who demonstrate certain skills and abilities more at home than at school. Together, we can ensure that all students who have the potential for high academic performance are identified. Testing at Beckenham Primary School will occur in Week 4 on Wednesday 8th of August. No other opportunities will be available to sit the test other than this day. The test will measure student's ability to recognise patterns and to predict with speed and accuracy and measure each child's ability to apply their knowledge and learning. The scores from the test will be used in the selection of students for PEAC courses and extension programs during 2019 to 2020.

ALLERGY INFORMATION EVENING - PERTH

Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia together with the National Allergy Strategy will hold an information evening to provide guidance and support for those suffering with severe allergic disease.

A/Prof Richard Loh (paediatric clinical immunologist) will talk about oral immunotherapy for food allergy. **Maria Said**, CEO of Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia will also present.

There will also be a panel of specialists including an adult immunologist and paediatric immunologist who will be ready to answer questions that you may have. You will also find out about the National Allergy Strategy food allergy prevention project.

When: Tuesday, 28 August 2018

Time: Arrival from 6pm for a light supper with session to commence at 6:30pm

Where: Stirling Community Centre Corner Cape & Stoneham Streets, Tuart Hill (Carpark Entry off Stoneham Street)

COST: Free

RSVP: <https://www.trybooking.com/WTUV>



HELPING HANDS BECKENHAM



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Vacation Care: We all had a FANTASTIC time during recent vac care because we all participated in great activities and theme-based days. We went on some excursions and children enjoyed their outings immensely. The Tropical Twist indoor playground gave children the chance to climb through the obstacles, going on the flying fox, going down slides, playing in the ball pit and finding their way through three storey maze of fun. This fun-filled day was summed up with some delicious party food and juice. The 78 Storey Treehouse performance was mind-blowing. It was packed with so much laugh and fun facts. Children not only enjoyed every single moment of performance but also admired characters' acting talents, timing and humour. The incursions Silent Disco and Lego Bricks were also very popular among children. They danced and sang their favourite songs. They get to expose their hidden engineering talents when they had to make a conveyer belt using Lego bricks. They used their creativity and previous knowledge to get it working. They all were thrilled to see their final product.

During this period, we again celebrated NAIDOC week by cooking and eating traditional damper with soup for lunch. We also did face and dot painting, made emu and incorporated Australian animals in our outdoor play by modifying the games.

The safety was on top of our list as always, so we along with children did practice evacuation drills, had discussion about stranger danger. The Risk Assessments were completed for each special activity and made available for families to read.

Have a look at our memorable moments...



COMING UP NEXT... Recycle Right Project:

This term we will be working on our Sustainability project and educating children the right ways to dispose of rubbish and methods to recycle the used items.

For booking details please contact the coordinator Pooja Saggar on 0478 398 270 or email beckenham@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

Beckenham Primary School Term Planner **Term 3**, 2018

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WK 2 July	23rd	24th	25th School Banking	26 th Techno Kids Yrs 5/6	27th NAIDOC Mural Unveiling Assembly Room 10 Uniform Shop
WK 3 July August	30th	31st Red Cross Incursion	1st Kalamunda History Excursion Yr 1's School Banking	2nd Techno Kids Yrs 3/4 Newsletter	3rd
WK 4 August	6th	7th	8th School Banking	9th Techno Kids Yr 5-6 School Board Meeting @3.30pm	10th Assembly Room 3 InterschoolCross Country Uniform Shop
WK 5 August	13th	14 th Circus CVC 1.40-3.00 K-6	15th School Banking	16th Techno Kids Yrs 3/4 Newsletter	17th Mega Play
WK 6 August	20th	21st	22nd School Banking	23rd Techno Kids Yr 5-6	24th Assembly Room 16 Uniform Shop
WK 7 August	27th	28th	29th School Banking	30th Techno Kids Yrs 3/4 Newsletter	31st Faction Athletics Carnival
WK 8 Sept	3rd Matty Maths Incursion P-6	4th	5th School Banking	6th Techno Kids Yr 5-6 Dance Performance	7th Assembly Room 1 Uniform Shop
WK 9 Sept	10th Swimming Lessons	11th Swimming Lessons	12th School Banking Swimming Lessons	13th Newsletter School Board Meeting @3.30pm Techno Kids Yrs 3/4 Swimming Lessons	14th Swimming Lessons
WK 10 Sept	17th Swimming Lessons	18th Swimming Lessons	19th Swimming Lessons	20th Swimming Lessons Techno Kids Yr 5-6	21st Uniform Shop Swimming Lessons

Term 3 Planner as of 19th July 2018
Updates will occur frequently