



Beacy Buzz

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PRINCIPAL PATCH

Hair today - Gone tomorrow! - World's Greatest Shave
Ethan C and his friends Shihabuddin S. and Manas P. shaved to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Ethan raised over \$1,200 and his friends around \$300 each. The money raised supports research into blood cancer and donations like this provide the promise of a future cure. We are grateful to Andrew from Andrew's Barbershop who comes in each year to tidy up the impressive deforestation effort and commented that there was enough hair to make a cat!



Curriculum Day on the first day of Term 2

Our next Curriculum Day has been approved for Monday the 16th of April – the first day of next term. The Curriculum Day will be a

whole school focus on using the Improvement Cycle to lift student outcomes and each of our Professional Learning Community (PLC) Leaders will be presenting. Our PLC's use our testing and other data to drive the learning agenda for your children and improve each teacher's learning; ensuring each student gets the most out of their time at school.

Beaconsfield PS children will begin Term 2 on Tuesday 17th of April.

Office Hours 8:30am - 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

Principal's Patch continued:**Swimmers**

Divisional swimming was held last week at Noble Park and we are very proud of all of the children who attended and grateful to their parent supporters. Max H. (Breaststroke) and Riley H. (Backstroke and Freestyle) achieved great times but the girls produced some stellar results with Rebecca McH winning the 50m Butterfly and our senior girls winning the Medley with Chelsea M swimming backstroke, Ella V. swimming breaststroke, Charlotte L Butterfly and Jenna W Freestyle. The girls will go on to the Regional event shortly and we wish them all the best.

**Human Powered Vehicles**

Some of our top athletes at Beacy, race in peddle cars called HPV's and although we may be dreaming a bit with our photo below, this is one of the fastest and most thrilling of sports that a kid can compete in. The HPV Team have had a very busy season with the Casey Race and Wonthaggi Race held in quick succession Last weekend Beaconsfield Primary School had two teams compete in the Wonthaggi Human Powered Vehicle Grand Prix. Storm was entered in the Junior Secondary Open Class with 12 students making up the team and Rogue was entered in the Community Mixed Class with 8 riders consisting of parents and friends. This sport encourages high levels of collaboration and cooperation and the children who partake have high levels of collaboration and getting along skills. They also have tremendous endurance as pushing an HPV around a long track at high speeds requires tremendous energy over a long period of time. My thanks to teachers Anthony Cole and Kathryn Audsley and all of the parents who support this program and make it possible. Further details later in this newsletter. Cheers, Gary



Mrs Amos**Kids Matter - Growing Healthy Minds**

At Beacy PS kids matter.

Student welfare a very high priority and we work hard at helping our students develop good mental health.



Kids Matter is aimed at assisting schools to focus on building understanding about mental health with an emphasis on healthy minds and positive communities.

The KidsMatter Initiatives have been developed in collaboration with beyondblue, the Australian Psychological Society, Early Childhood Australia, Principals Australia and, with funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and beyondblue.

The Beacy working team have been looking at ways that we can ensure that every child feels like they matter here at school and how we can help our students develop good mental health. Staff at Beaconsfield spent last Monday night completing their training and reflected on strategies to build resilience and support for students in regards to mental health and wellbeing.

Insights - Michael Grose - Resilience and Wellbeing

Attached to this newsletter is an article by Michael Grose on developing resilience, wellbeing and good mental health in children. Michael Grose is the founder of Parenting Ideas and one of Australia's leading parenting educators. His article outlines how exposing children to challenges helps to prevent anxiety later in life.

Parent Teacher Interviews

A big thanks to staff for the extra time devoted to the recent and upcoming interviews. Positive home school relationships and discussions about student learning are vital in contributing towards the best outcomes for our children. Thanks Staff!

Holidays

A big thanks to our Parents and Friends committee for organising the Easter raffle and to those who have donated prizes. Don't forget to send in money for the tickets. They will be on sale on Monday 26th March.

Also don't forget our **Pink Stumps Day** on the last day of term. This is traditionally a fun day where the staff versus students cricket match takes place and we wear pink to raise awareness and funds to support the McGrath Foundation.

I hope everyone has a lovely Easter and an enjoyable term break. See you back rested and ready for Term 2.



Exposing kids to challenges helps prevent anxiety in later life

by Michael Grose

Two important Australian studies released recently support what teachers and mental health experts have been saying for some time: that exposing kids to safe challenges in childhood promotes resilience and better mental health in later life.

The results of a study into children's wellbeing by mental health organisation beyondblue found young people who were able to talk about their emotions and who were exposed to failure and loss at a young age are better equipped to deal with a variety of challenges as they grow.

Similarly, findings of a Macquarie University long-term study into children's mental health found that children who were exposed to safe risks were happier, less anxious and more able to handle every day problems such as rejection, teasing and failure.

Both studies point to the need for children to experience failure, to be involved in play with peers and to be encouraged to face their fears rather than avoid them. With one in six Australian children and teenagers experiencing anxiety on a regular basis it's essential that kids of all ages are provided with the skills and experiences they need to develop mental resilience. Let's kick off this process with the following five strategies:

1. **Encourage kids to spend more time with other children**
When children spend more time among themselves they rely less on adults to solve problems for them. In fact, when kids play among themselves they take on the authority of adults in their absence. They negotiate about what and how to play. They will often make up the rules of their games, modifying them as they go along and challenging other children's interpretations. "You're not playing by the rules" is a common childhood retort, but the important thing to remember is that, left to their own devices, kids will generally resolve such conflict situations more creatively and with more finality than if adults become involved.



Michael Grose

*Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including *Thriving!* and the best-selling *Why First Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns Want to Change It*, and his latest release *Spooned Generation: How to raise independent children*.*

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2. Help children be good losers and gracious winners

In recent years there's been an aversion to exposing kids to losing, particularly when it comes to the sporting field. Some coaches, in an effort to improve the participatory experience for kids, don't keep scores and give prizes for participation rather than achievement. However, these practices prevent kids from experiencing both the resilience-building disappointment that comes with a loss and the confidence-building satisfaction that comes from winning. More significantly, they prevent kids from refining the art of being good losers and gracious winners, both important skills to learn for future development.

3. Encourage kids to talk about emotions and feelings

It's important that children become comfortable with unpleasant feelings such as disappointment, fear and nervousness rather than be debilitated by them. We need to allow children to experience events that lead to unpleasant emotions. We also need to feel comfortable ourselves with our children's unpleasant feelings. Enabling children to verbalise their unpleasant feelings helps them process and make sense of their emotions. Healthy families and safe classrooms work on the principal that there's nothing so bad that we can't talk about it in the right way, but that there are behaviours we won't tolerate.



4. Model calm and rational thinking

High emotions are very contagious. When a child is angry, fearful or upset we can easily feel the same way. It's vital that we manage the ways that we react to our child's emotions so that we can provide an effective, empathetic response. The best way to manage our own reactivity when kids are upset is through breathing. Taking a breath gives us a moment to regain control and remain calm. We can then ask questions and logically think our way through the situation rather than catastrophising and letting our thoughts run amok. Adults who model calm, thoughtful behaviours in the face of stress show children and teenagers how to respond in safe, effective ways to stressful situations rather than reacting at an emotional level.

5. Encourage children to become independent problem solvers

When adults solve problems for children and young people, we not only increase their dependency on us but we teach them to be afraid of making mistakes and to blame themselves for not being good enough. That's fertile ground for anxiety and depressive illness. When your child brings a routine problem to you and expects you to solve it (such as leaving lunch at home or sorting out a friendship dispute), step back and invite them to resolve the problem for themselves instead. We don't want to deter kids from coming to us for advice when they have a difficulty, but we do want to encourage them and teach them to work through their concerns themselves.

Stepping back and allowing children and teenagers to experience many of life's challenges, whether social, academic or physical, can be a difficult thing to do for well-meaning adults. However, part of growing up means that children and young people need to develop the skills and aptitude they will need to manage a range of challenging situations well after they have left the safe confines of school and family.

As the research is telling us, the best way for them to do this is to allow our kids to navigate their challenges by themselves, surrounded by supportive, rather than over-protective, adults.

Beacy Calendar

Date	Event	Cost	Due date
Term 1	Grade 5/6 Friday Morning Sport	\$7	Closed
15 Feb	Grade 3&4 Awesome Activities	-	Closed
3 March 16-18 March	HPV Team Events and Training on Wednesday after school	-	Now
23 March	Good Friday Appeal—Donations	Donation	23 Mar
19-29 March	Grade 2 Swimming	\$83	Closed
19-29 March	Grade 4 Swimming	\$83	Closed
26 March	P&F Easter Raffle	\$1 per ticket	26 March
29 March	Pink Stumps Day and family morning tea	\$2	29 March
29 March	Last Day of Term 1. Early dismissal @ 2:30pm	-	29 March
16 April	Curriculum Day	-	16 April
17 April	Term 2 begins @ 9am	-	17 April
17/4-1/5	Life Education –Whole School	\$9	23 March

Happy Birthday

The following children are celebrating their birthday this fortnight :

Cameron, Noah, Isla, Hayden, Kaylah, Aidan, Alyssa, Trinity, Violet, Rae, Isaac, Ethan, Lily, Indie, Kiana, Molly, Tahlia, Abby, Grace, Benjamin, Jaime, Max, Lachlan, Emily and Jessica.

For the last week of Term 1: Maddie, Ruby, Gabriella, James, Chloe, Jasmine, Ruby, Sophie, Madeleine, Oliver, Kimberley, Oliver, Owen, Tristan, Owen, Tom, Ivy and Aubrey.

Everyone at Beaconsfield Primary School wishes you a great birthday!



PARENTS AND FRIENDS

What a great start we have had to the year in our fundraising efforts!

Vision Portraits

Our Vision Portraits fundraiser was held last week end with many families braving the hot weather on Saturday and the unpredictable weather (including a power blackout!) on Sunday to get some family portraits done. We were provided with a \$200 voucher to give to a family who made a booking. Congratulations to the Knol family who were able to put this towards their purchases on the day.

**Treat Day**

Treat day was held on Tuesday. Thank you so much to all the helpers who were able to come in and help pack the orders to send to class rooms. We hope the children all loved their special treats!

Easter Raffle

We have had an amazing response to our call out for donations from families to this years Easter raffle. Hampers and prizes have been made up in preparation for the raffle on Monday 26th March. Your children will be able to purchase tickets on the day. Tickets will be \$1 each. The raffle will be drawn before first lunch and prizes will be handed out at Assembly that day.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th April at 915am in the staff room. We will be planning our Mothers day stall, Mothers day raffle, treat day for term 2 and looking at potential fundraising ideas for terms 3 & 4. We look forward to seeing you there. Babies and young children are welcome to come along too.

If you do have a suggestion for a fundraising activity but are not able to come along to the meeting, please leave a message with the office staff and any brochures or details you might have for the idea so that we can have a look at it in more detail during our meetings. It would be great to have some new ideas to consider.

Katrina Kapsis

P&F President

LIBRARY NEWS

Wonderful things are happening in the library due to the amazing talents of the Toma family. This wonderful family has been busy re-decorating the library. You may notice small changes over the next few weeks. Making our library a very inviting space to use. Thank you to Xenia, Isabelle, Ange and Dylan!

**VICTORIA POLICE LEGACY CHILD SAFETY HANDBOOK**

The Child Safety Handbook has been produced by Victoria Police Legacy. It aims to raise awareness about the risks to children and the steps that can be taken to protect them and keep them safe. The Handbook was launched at the Queens Room, Parliament House in Melbourne on Wednesday, 15 September 2016 by Graham Ashton Chief Commissioner in his role as Patron of Victoria Police Legacy. Royalties from its production are donated to Victoria Police Legacy to support their work with the bereaved families of deceased Victorian Police officers.

Use the following address to access this handbook online: <http://vic.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grade	Name	Grade	Name
OK	Linkin	34T	Owen & Kade
OH	Flynn	34S	Coby & Mia
OJ	Whole Class	34F	Angel & Ella
OB	Reece	34L	Liam
OM	Logan	34O	Kyson
1D	Eden	34N	Marisa
1KG	Mily	34C	Morgan
1N	Noah	34D	Violet
1W	Hiya	5HB	Jalen
1J	Taylah	5HB	Caitlyn
2A	Emma	5OC	Whole class
2K	Tyler	5OC	Whole Class
2F	Whole Class	6C	Abby
2B	Layla	6B	Kim
Indonesian	Alyssa & Livvy	6J	Maria
Music	Flynn	Art	Charlotte
Science	Cayden	PE	Liam

LOST PROPERTY

We have had a Pandora ring handed into the office. If it could be yours, check in with the office. We have a lot of uncollected lost property at the office. If not collected it will be disposed of at the end of term.



A big warm welcome to Oliver and Charli.

We hope you enjoy getting to know our school as we will getting to know you.

HPV NEWS

On the weekend Beaconsfield Primary School had two teams compete in the Wonthaggi Human Powered Vehicle Grand Prix. Storm was entered in the Junior Secondary Open Class with 12 students making up the team and Rogue was entered in the Community Mixed Class with 8 riders consisting of parents and friends. The student riders were Casey A, Cody CR, Kaylah F, Hunter F, Mitchell K, Jeremy L, Riley M, Daniel P, Ethan P, Kaiden R, Tyler W and Steven R. The adult riders were Julie H, Lawrence H, Nicholas C, Jason M, Michelle M, Trent W, Gary S and Mitchell W. Well done to all the riders and a massive thankyou to all the parents and friends who made it all possible. No matter how big or small the job we cannot compete without you. The weather did make the pack up difficult but we all worked well together.

Rogue was to complete 24 hours and Storm 16 hours, 10 hours the first day and 6 hours the second day. This turned out to not be the case as the race needed to be stopped due to the weather with about an hour and 45 minutes to go. A special mention to Daniel P for keeping Storm out of trouble in very wet and windy conditions at the end of the race with other HPV's who were not riding to the conditions crashing out all around him.

Storm completed 219 laps and won the class by 5 laps. Well Done Storm! Rogue completed 315 laps and finished 5th in their class. On the official time board the fastest lap for both teams was recorded as 2 minutes 43 seconds with Rouge being just of tenth of a second quicker. WOW

Once again thank you to all the team. Our next race will be in April in Wantirna South.

Mr Cole



ENVIROGIRLS NEWS

On Tuesday the 6th March, the Envirogirls, Ella, Piper, Annemieke, Karima, Samantha and Zahra walked to the Wood Street Kindergarten to help the kids make trash puppets. The puppets were made from recyclable materials such as cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, paper, etc.

Our focus was on teaching the children the importance of recycling. Before making the puppets, the kindergarten children were asked a few simple questions about recycling.

The kids made some incredible puppets such as tigers, a flying fox, 'Eye-ball man', 'Lightning McQueen' and lots more!

At the end of the day, the Envirogirls presented the staff members of the kindergarten and Mr Methven, a pencil made of recycled paper.

Overall, the girls had a wonderful time and cannot wait to do it again soon!

The Envirogirls would like to thank Mr Methven for taking the time to walk the girls there and to thank you to Wood St Kinder for having them!

Ella

Envirogirls Secretary

A Plastic Ocean

On Friday the 19th of January I went to Bunjil Place with my sister Karima, mum Khatija and my dad Abdel to see a movie called A Plastic Ocean. This documentary was shown outside on a big screen outside of Bunjil Place. It showed how plastic from littering ends up in the ocean. We saw a whale dying because it had no room for food because it had swallowed too much plastic, so the poor whale starved to death! We also saw baby birds throwing up! A lady researcher dedicated her life to saving seabirds. She squirted salt water in the bird's mouth so that she could see what was in the bird's stomach. The bird threw up oil from an oil spill and chunks of plastic. The second bird threw up naturally and in its vomit there was a long bit of brown plastic. A researcher found a dead seabird and cut open its tummy and found the tummy full with plastic. They then took out all the pieces of plastic and laid them on a table to count. There were 234 pieces of plastic in the tummy!!

The throwing up and cutting of the stomach made me feel.....disgusted. Seeing the whale suffocating and dying made me feel.....very sorry for it.

I felt mad at the people because it is their garbage that has ended up in the ocean that kills these animals.

Now I don't use take away cups and straws.

Clean up Beacy P.S. Day was a fun way to get everyone involved with cleaning up! Thank you Mr. Methven for registering our school as a site for Clean Up Australia Day! Thank you everyone for making our school litter free. Please continue to get rid of rubbish responsibly so our water ways stay clean and marine life is saved.

With knowledge comes caring and with caring comes change!

Zahra Halabi

Envirogirls Treasurer



**EASTER HOLIDAY
FUN AT BNC**



Don't get stuck for things to do these Easter holidays. Let the children have fun with Lego and learn at the same time.

INCREDIBLE INVENTIONS (LEGO SHAKES) FOR 4-6 YEAR OLDS

Using gears and pulleys, the children will use their own creation to make their own milkshake.

Tuesday 10th April 10.00am-12 noon.
Cost \$25 per student.



CODE CREATORS (MILO THE ROBOT) FOR 6 YEARS+



The children will build a robot, make him talk, change colour, race and dance. Time permitting, we might create a sumo ring and have a robot sudden death competition.
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Footy training has started, round 1 is 15th April.

Here are the training times for South Belgrave Junior Football Club, the SAINTS.

- Auskick (4 to 8 year olds) and Under 8s & 9s (DOB 1/1/2009 to 30/4/2011): Train Fridays from 5 to 6:15pm at Belgrave South Recreation Reserve from 16th March.
- Under 10s (DOB 2008) & Under 11s (DOB 2007): Train Wednesdays at Narre Warren East Reserve from 5 to 6:30pm. Already started.
- Under 10 Girls (DOB 2008 & 2009), Under 12 Girls (DOB 2006 & 2007) & Under 14 girls (2004 & 2005) train on Tuesday and Thursday contact Simon Mehegan 0428 866 681 for time & location.
- Under 17s (DoB 2001, 02 & 03) train from 6pm at Belgrave South Recreation Reserve

For more information contact: Rick Ryan (SAINTS President) 0410 187 948 or SAINTS coaches here <https://goo.gl/GJdsk5>



Be as active as you can with your family and win prizes!

- Walk, Ride, Scoot or Skate to school or the shops
- Visit your local park
- Walk the dog
- Swimming, cricket, dancing, basketball, tennis, football, soccer etc.

Register to participate in the competition by visiting https://alignedleisure.formstack.com/terms/mobile_march_registration

Go into the draw to win ONE of FOUR weekly \$50 fuel vouchers or ONE of THREE \$100 Coles vouchers.

For more information, contact Council's Healthy Children's Facilitator, Kate Beveridge on 1300 787 624 or email k.beveridge@cardinia.vic.gov.au



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Passionate performers needed for Casey's Got Talent!



Are you a passionate performer? Audition for the Mayoral Charity Concert, Casey's Got Talent, which is open to people of all ages living, working or attending an educational institution in Casey.

Individuals or groups can enter in the following age categories; up to 14 years, 15-20 years or 21 years and over. Entries will be accepted on the day of audition. The cost to audition is \$15 and must be paid during registration process.

Audience members can attend auditions by a gold coin donation.

Thursday 15 March 2018, 4.30pm – 9.00 pm
The Factory Rehearsal Centre of the Performing Arts
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne East
(located next to the Shed Skate Park)

Sunday 18 March 2018, 10.00am – 4.00pm
The Factory Rehearsal Centre of the Performing Arts,
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne East
(located next to the Shed Skate Park)



Come to the Casey's Got Talent final!

The final will be held on Friday 20 April at 7pm in the Studio at Bunjil Place, 2 Patrick Northeast Drive, Narre Warren. Tickets can be purchased from the Bunjil Place website for \$15.

To book an audition visit www.casey.vic.gov.au/caseysgottalent or contact City of Casey Customer Service on 9705 5200.

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So grab a friend and contact us at bjncreg@gmail.com

BJNC are looking for players who were born in 2007 and 2008 to join our wonderful club and enjoy a game of netball. We play out of Casey Stadium on Wednesday nights.

We are looking for Players aged 11 & Under



Beaconsfield Junior Netball Club



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This role is a casual position initially but may develop to a permanent part time position and will include cooking for 15 people (approximately). Shifts are from 9am – 1:30pm, which will include weekend work (from 8am to 4pm) as well as relief work during the week when required. The days would be contracted as every Monday and Tuesday and every second weekend.

The successful applicant must have the following:-

- Cook with significant experience in the kitchen
- Food handlers certificate
- Experience or willingness to learn in the documentation required under the Food, Public Health and Wellbeing Act
- Experience or willing to learn menu planning
- First Aid Certificate (Min. Level 1)
- A current Police Check

The ideal candidate will have experience working in food services along with excellent communication and interpersonal skills and strong organisational skills.

For a copy of the position description please phone Louise Blagus on [\(03\) 9433 1116](tel:0394331116) or email louiseb@ocav.asn.au. Alternatively, for further information, please contact Roz Johnson on [\(03\) 9481 9300](tel:0394819300)

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