Welcome back to another school year! Everyone has started the new year exceptionally well and students have settled into their new classes. A very warm welcome to all our new families from Kindergarten to Year 6 who started with us this week.

On Friday last week, our staff participated in a ‘team building’ adventure on Rottnest Island. It was a fantastic way for us to start 2017!

School Organisation
The school commenced 2017 with around 735 students, and made up in the following classes:-

Kindy
Group 1A & 1B - Teachers Mrs Janet Gillespie & Mrs Suzanne Swan
Group 2A & 2B - Teachers Mrs Chantal Lemmer & Mrs Chenae Collier

Pre-primary
Djidi-Djadi 3 - DD3 – Teachers Mrs Linda Fearnall & Mrs Margaret Elkington
Djidi-Djadi 4 - DD4 – Teachers Mrs Kristy Woodyard & Mrs Margaret Elkington
Djidi-Djadi 5 - DD5 – Teachers Miss Cara Letcher & Mrs Margaret Elkington
Djidi-Djadi 6 - DD6 – Teachers Mrs Rhiana Whitney & Mrs Margaret Elkington

Year 1
Yerdarap 1 – YD1  Mrs Gayle Hepburn (Mon to Wed) & Mrs Linda Harper (Th&F)
Yerdarap 2 – YD2  Mrs Suzy Lamb
Yerdarap 3 – YD3  Mrs Carrie Jarman
Yerdarap 4 – YD4  Mrs Fiona Rapley (Wed to Fr) & Miss Christine Petrie (M&Tu)

Year 2
Karda 1 – KD1  Mrs Rose Simpson
Karda 2 – KD2  Mrs Jo Roussel and Mrs Simone Lawton (Thu&F)
Karda 3 – KD3  Ms Sue Skillen and Mrs Jo Zanoli (F)
Karda 4 – KD4  Mrs Tanya Edgar
Yerdarap 2 – YD2  Mrs Suzy Lamb

Year 3
Nyingarn 1 – NY1  Mr Tony Silvio and Mrs Nicole West (F)
Nyingarn 2 – NY2  Mrs Kerry Skillen
Nyingarn 3 – NY3  Mrs Emma May
Nyingarn 4 – NY4  Mrs Maree Page and Mrs Suzanne Swan (F)

Year 4
Yakin 1 – YK1  Ms Yvonne O’Neill
Yakin 2 – YK2  Mrs Maria MacNeil
Yakin 3 – YK3  Mrs Jane Sutherland
Yakin 4 – YK4  Mrs Jill Nairn
**YEAR 5**

Yonga 1 – YN1     Mr Michael Guile  
Yonga 2 - YN2     Mrs Emma Meyn and Mrs Jo Zanoli (Wed)  
Yonga 3 – YN3     Mrs Caroline Harben  
Weitj 4 – WT4     Mr Patrick Sugrue  

**YEAR 6**

Weitj 1 – WT1     Mrs Tarryn Stewart  
Weitj 2 - WT2     Mrs Erica Bowers  
Weitj 3 – WT3     Mrs Christine Greeshaw  
Weitj 4 – WT4     Mr Patrick Sugrue  

Our Specialist Teachers are:-

**Music** - Mrs Jennifer Clarke     **Dance** - Miss Christine Petrie     **French** - Mrs Elaine Franklin  
**Physical Education** – Ms Robyn Blackwell     **Art** — Mrs Marily Terry and Mrs Melissa Brierley  

School Psychologist  &  School Chaplin  
Miss Jane Lindesay     Mrs Shirley Pryc  

Education Assistants — Special Needs  
Carolyn Bunting, Monika Brown, Christine Bentley, Sue Featham, Debbie Letcher and Karrie Woolgar  

Education Assistants  
Kathy Bunk, Jan Marinich, Fran Money, Nevy Head, Amanda Montagnon, Mary-Lou Lea, Dawn Commerford and Emma Turner.  

Administration and Library  
Principal – Ms Jo Stephens  
Associate Principal – Mr Robert Edwards  
Deputies - Mrs Rebekah Brand and Mrs Nicole West  
Business Manager – Ms Donna Davison  
School Officers – Mrs Karen Smith, Mrs Danielle Richards and Mrs Trish Newton  
Library Officers – Ms Sue McKendry and Mrs Paula Whitehead  

Cleaners and Grounds  
Cleaners – Marita North, Mary-Lou O’Neill, Susana Gorski and Naree Byrne  
Gardener – Mr Don Schoch  

We extend a very warm welcome to our new teaching staff and teachers returning to Beaumaris. It won’t be long before they all realize what a wonderful school they now belong to. Welcome and welcome back to:-

Patrick Sugure, Caroline Harben, Jo Zanoli, Christine Petrie, Rhiana Whitney, Fiona Rapley and Cara Letcher  

School Hours  
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• **Late Arrivals:** Students who have not arrived at school by 8:35am are to report to the School Office to obtain a “Late Note” which must be handed to their class teacher.

• **Early Arrivals:** Children getting to school before 8:15am are to go to the Undercover (Assembly) area. We would appreciate it if parents can bring children to this area upon arrival so that people working in and around classrooms can do so without distraction. We appreciate your help in this matter.

### Student Absentee Notifications
The preferred method of notification for advising the school that your child will be absent from school is to **SMS** us via the school APP (Free from App Store) or directly to the school’s dedicated SMS “attendance number”.

**SMS:** 0437 155 241

### 2017 Contributions & Charges
The school voluntary contributions and charges ($60 per student per year) are directed to fund curriculum resources and shared classroom materials for your children. It is to our students’ advantage that the school collects these funds to provide adequate resources to support our teaching programs.

The P&C Building Levy ($50.00 Tax Deduction) is also an important component in our school funding, and is a *per family* contribution. The money collected is returned directly to the school to fund our many improvements. You only need to look around the school and see some the many, many improvements made over the last year:-

- New playground equipment for our year 4 to 6 students
- New tables and seating in the play area for our senior students
- New Nature Playground in the Early Childhood area
- New automatic curtains for the Assembly stage
- New non-slip floor covering for stage
- New air conditioning in the Library
- New LED sign on Beaumaris Boulevard
- New outdoor secured table tennis equipment

Most families do make the voluntary contribution each year and we are very appreciative of your support. We hope you will continue to commit to supporting the school and the P & C by contributing to these funds.

The Voluntary Contribution of $60.00 per child and the P&C Donation ($50 per family – or any payment over $2.00 towards the P&C Building fund is a Tax Deduction), can be made either by:-

Direct Deposit to Beaumaris Primary School, **BSB 016-338, ACCOUNT 255662954, DETAILS Surname/Cont./P&C OR**
b by EFTPOS (including credit) at the school office, any day from 8am to 4pm.

### 2017 Student Leadership
Last year, the following students were selected as our 2017 leadership team:-

**Student Council:**
Edie Bushby, Caleah Bradfield, Nicole Scheepers, Sophie Lindley, Charlie Downer, Johnnie Henderson, Porter Stewart & George Knowler

**Semester 1 Captains:**

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This week, our Year 6 students will have the opportunity to nominate for French and Dance Captain positions to complete the “leadership team”.

2017 Music Program

**HEADPHONES:** Students in Years 1 to 6 who have music classes with Miss Clarke are asked to bring headphones or ear buds to their music lessons. Please keep them in a plastic zip lock bag with your child’s full name and class number written clearly.

**CONCERT BAND:** All Year 6 IMSS (formerly SIM) students are required to participate in our concert band. Rehearsals will be on **Monday afternoons between 2:50 and 4:00pm** in the Music Room beginning on **Monday 13th February (Week 3)**.

**Recording in Music:** A note will be sent home shortly to all families about recording in music lessons. Please take the time to read this carefully and return the form for ALL children.

Scholastic Book Club 2017

The first of the 2017 Scholastic Book Club brochures have been issued to all students. All orders should be made online by Monday 13 February or by cheque or money order to the School Library by Monday 13 February.

P&C Secondhand Uniform Shop

**Starting NEXT WEEK** (Week 2/Term 1) the P&C shop will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays between 8 and 8.30am. The shop is located near KIDBIZ (off Beaumaris Boulevard). Items that can be purchased from the second hand shop are:-

- Second hand uniforms
- New hats
- Waterproof library bags
- Hair accessories

Please donate any uniforms you do not need any more directly to the shop during opening times or to the school office at other times. **All profits** from the P&C shop go into improving facilities at the school for the benefit of all the children.

Library Bags

The required Library bag for each student in the school, is a **waterproof bag**. Cloth bags do not protect our library books from leaky water bottles, etc. The waterproof Library bags are available from the Uniform Concepts (Delage Street, Joondalup), our School Library or the P&C 2nd hand uniform shop.

Volunteers needed for Special Projects

- **Busy Bee:** Parent volunteers/helpers are being asked to help in a “Busy Bee” on **Friday 10 February from 8:30am**. Miss Clarke, our wonderful Music specialist, would like some help to tidy and organise the “green room”, the room behind the assembly stage. If you can spare an hour on this day, as many hands make light work, can you please meet Miss Clarke in the green room at 8:30am on Friday 10th.

- **Library Book Coverers!** For the last 2-3 years we have had two parents religiously helping out in the school library, covering our school’s library books to protect them from lots of little hands and handling. Unfortunately Danny and Karen have moved onto high school and we are now looking for new parent or Grandparent volunteers to come into the Library and help our Library Officers out. Times, days are negotiable to suit you. If you can spare any time on a regular basis, can you please go straight to the Library and see either Sue McKendry or Paula Whitehead.
HANDOUTS:

- **Robinson’s Professional Tennis** – Commencing Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} Feb on school grounds – refer to flyer issued to your eldest child in school.
- **Helen O’grady Drama Academy**
- **Ramay Studio** – Open Week 13 Feb – 17 Feb (refer to flyer)

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Australian Girls Choir** – February Open Classes at Duncraig, Murdoch & Subiaco

(Flyer available from School Office)

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**Are you a parent of a child with a disability?**

Does your child need to learn how to follow instructions?

Would you like to learn how to improve your child’s behaviour?

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Researchers at the Curtin University School of Psychology and Speech Pathology are seeking families to participate in a FREE - 2 HOUR - Stepping Stones Triple P Parent Discussion Group focused on teaching parents how to prevent and manage disobedience in children.

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**Stepping Stones Triple P:**

- Stepping Stones Triple P is specifically tailored for parents who have a child with disability.
- It has been shown that parents who use Stepping Stones Triple P see improvements in their children’s behaviour and experience less parenting stress.

**WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE:**

- Free attendance at a 2 hour Stepping Stones Triple P Parent Discussion Group.
- Free Stepping Stones Triple P “A guide to Disruptive Behaviour” booklet.

**CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION:**

- Be a parent of a child with a disability aged between 3 and 8 years of age.
- Eligible disabilities include autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, fragile X and intellectual disability.
- Be willing to attend a 2-hour parent discussion group at Curtin University in Bentley.
- Be willing to complete questionnaires about your parenting style, parenting confidence and your child’s behaviours, at two points in time. These questionnaires may take you 90 minutes to complete and can be completed at home in your own time.

**INTERESTED?**

Would you like more information?

Contact Claire Watson - 0479 131 358 or claire.e.watson@postgrad.curtin.edu.au

Please note that this research has not been endorsed by the school or the Department of Education. If you are interested in participating in this research you must deal directly with the researcher. Before deciding to participate in this research you should inform yourself of its appropriateness and suitability for you.

*This study has been approved by the Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee (Approval Number HR129/2014). The Committee comprises members of the public, academics, lawyers, doctors and pastoral carers. Its main role is to protect participants. If needed, verification of approval can be obtained either by writing to the Curtin University Human Research Ethics Committee, c/- Office of Research and Development, Curtin University, GPO Box U1987, Perth, 6845 or by telephoning 9266 2784 or by emailing hrec@curtin.edu.au.*