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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all staff and especially to our two newlyweds Mrs Berry (Van) and Mrs (still) Wallman; as well as Mr Rathjen and to our ECU Students! It's going to be a busy, hectic and great Term!!! Enjoy!!!

BUILDING EDUCATION REVOLUTION

Six months of inconvenience and common sense!

The Federal building program has commenced with the relocation of Ta's 20/21/22 closer to Santiago Parkway, adjacent to South Block. The actual building site area has been fenced off and taken possession by the John Holland Group, for the next 6 months. We still require the fence to be extended beyond the relocated classrooms, towards Santiago Parkway for safety reasons.

This means access to and from school around the building site area has been restricted. Students will need to move to and from the oval via the path between the Admin Block and building site fence (near Art Room). This area is constricted so families, please be wary of this and be patient.

It also means parking will be restricted! Trucks and tradesmen will enter and exit the work site behind the relocated rooms from Santiago Parkway, making this area potentially hazardous in terms of traffic and common sense. We shall request the City Council to patrol and fine drivers who put others at risk and are in breach of regulations and laws.

Staff who used to park in this vicinity will now park in the Staff car park and/or the adjacent public park near the oval. This means ABSOLUTELY no public parking in staff areas! We are going to have increased traffic so we need EVERYONE to utilise increased levels of common sense, courtesy and patience.

REMEMBER: STOP...THINK...DO...the right thing!

No doubt there will be challenges and inconveniences over the next six months, so again please be patient, alert and use common sense. At the end of the day we shall end up with two magnificent and new teaching blocks, worth over three million dollars!

Also, please be prepared to get involved with your School P&C as there will be much to do in terms of future fund raising and support for: air cooling the new blocks; grounds development; sun shelters; and other small things. It will provide another great opportunity for whole school community focus and spirit! Exciting times are ahead, not to mention Beaumaris becoming an Independent Public School in 2010!

BEAUMARIS PRIMARY SCHOOL TO BE ONE OF FIRST INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS!!

Again, this is wonderful news and something our school has been requesting for many years! This will offer far greater flexibility for the school and an opportunity to act independently in terms of resourcing, selection of staff, curriculum decisions, public relations; business partnerships; addressing local needs; long term strategic developments; and unlocking systemic boundaries, policies and procedures.

Staff are to be congratulated for the effort they have made in order for Beaumaris to be selected. Congratulations everyone! More information is available on the DET Schools & You web site:
(<http://det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou/detcms/portal/>).

2010 ENROLMENTS AND STUDENT NUMBERS

Notes were sent home at the conclusion of Term Three, surveying families regarding student enrolments for 2010. The questionnaire aims to identify which current enrolments will be moving to other schools. This is necessary as the recent practice of pressuring families to relocate their children to schools in order to secure secondary placements has increased. Hence we need to know what our overall enrolment will be, in order to estimate our own staffing and resourcing capacities and capabilities.

If you have not returned this form, please do so as a matter of urgency. If you have mislaid the form, please collect another from the Office or forward a letter notifying us of transferring students; their names and relocation schools.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Information has been sent out today to all classes for distribution to students. Orders are to be received by **Friday 23 October** with payment of either cash, credit card or cheques (**must** be made out to 'Beaumaris PS P&C Assn')

Many thanks for your ongoing support!

COSTUMES AND PROPS - BEAUMARIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE - REMINDER

Over the years, Beaumaris Primary has accumulated a large quantity of costumes and props. If you are interested in assisting to clean, repair, sort, store, catalogue and lend costumes and props, please contact Louise Wallman in TA8. Either call in or email to louise.wallman@det.wa.edu.au. Help is needed on Tuesday 20th October (week 2 of Term 4) and subsequently at mutually suitable times. Students with a keen interest in stage production will also be invited to assist each Tuesday lunchtime in the "Costumes and Props Club".

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Please remember to commit a small amount of your time to helping in the Canteen. Even if it is 30-60 minutes per month or term? Anna will organise the roster. Please contact the office!

Please also SUPPORT your school canteen! Mrs Prosper has a great menu, which is constantly being adapted to balance Canteen Policy Legislation and student preferences. Your ongoing support ensures a successful service to all students!

LOOKING AHEAD.....

Thursday 15 October

Sydney/Canberra parent meeting - 7:00pm
in Library

Friday 16 October

Kindy Transition Program commences -
Weeks 1-9

Wednesday 21 October

Assembly - Admin & Ocean Reef Senior
High School Rock Band

Thursday 22 October

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Friday 23 October

Sydney/Canberra Tour members set off

Beaumaris Primary School

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