Prep and Grade 1 Healthy Eating Turtles

Last Tuesday the Prep and Grade 1 students were visited by some turtles. They were extremely interesting to watch and look at.

We made a healthy snack in the shape of a turtle using apples, sultanas and grapes. The children loved making them and eating them. Perhaps you could try this activity at home.

From the Principal

Yesterday we welcomed Master Doug to assembly to demonstrate the Martial Art of Taekwondo. Master Doug spoke about Taekwondo being about self defence - not used for fighting, the passion for the sport and representing Victoria in this art form. Master Doug is offering a free trial for any student who wishes to learn Taekwondo, next Wednesday the 9th March at 4pm at school. After this Master Doug is hoping to establish regular classes in Beaufort. He is also looking at offering parent classes.

Yesterday we received a reminder phone call from the Department of Education in relation to the Drought Funding. They informed us that the parents can use this funding to not only pay for excursions and camps, but can also use it to purchase books, uniforms and other educational needs. Please remember to return your form by March 24th.

Our School Based Positive Behaviour Team is looking for one parent to join their team. This team investigates positive ways we can encourage our students and provide a school where all students feel safe and welcomed. If you are interested in joining this team, please see Fiona Ross.

This week, school photo envelopes were sent home with all students. Our grade and individual photos are being taken on Friday 11th March. If you would like to also have family photos on this day, please pop in to the office and collect a Family Photo envelope.

SCHOOL PHOTOS FRIDAY 11th MARCH

BEAUFORT PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION—2016

This year we are running a Beaufort Primary Footy Tipping competition. Cost is $5 per tipper or $10 per family (up to 5 tippers). This is an online tipping competition ran by footytips.com.au. Bonus prizes are awarded through their own incentives. BPS prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and last place tippers.

To join this tipping competition, simply log onto www.footytips.com.au and then find BeaufortPS in the ‘I want to join a competition’ tab.

A detailed sheet is on the back of this newsletter.

Happy Tipping.
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

All students will be doing their part to Clean Up Australia on **Friday March 4th.** Grades have been allocated specific areas around the school to clean up on this day.

WHATS ON IN MARCH

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MENTAL HEALTH ROADSHOW

Grampians Pyrenees Primary Care Partnership has organised a Mental Health Roadshow to visit Beaufort.

The roadshow will feature guest speaker Nic Newling, talking about his own experiences of mental health.

Nic is an outspoken advocate for mental health, suicide prevention, and sharing personal stories.

The Speaking of Mental Health Roadshow will visit Beaufort on April 18th.

For further information please contact Lauren Dempsey on 5352 6204 or email pcphp2@grampianscommunityhealth.com.au

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE FUNDING

As part of the Victorian Government’s drought assistance package, *all Beaufort Primary School students are eligible for a drought assistance payment* through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

Families who receive the means-tested CSEF payments are also eligible for this once off payment of $375 per student. This payment will be paid to the school to be used towards educational expenses for the direct benefit of your child.

Application forms were sent home last week with student information forms. If you require a new form, please contact Leonie in the Office.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW DUE

CSEF will be provided by the Victoria Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of camps, excursions and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or a temporary foster parent, you are eligible for CSEF.
A NOTE FROM OUR TEACHERS

- Nude Food starts TOMORROW. We are encouraging students to bring along food that is not wrapped in plastics or paper, hence, causing rubbish. Students participating will be rewarded a ticket into the Nude Food Draw. Winners announced at Assembly.
- Please ensure all student information forms, local excursion and media release forms are returned to the classroom teachers ASAP.
- Could parents please save small boxes, tubes, crafty stuff, tops etc. This items are needed for the Prep creation centre and can be given to Mrs. Nye.
- Breakfast Club is looking for donations of 100% fruit jam. Donations can be left in the staffroom.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING -
Annual General Meeting
TUESDAY 22ND MARCH, 7.30pm

FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS

- The Annual General Meeting for Parents and Friends will be held on MONDAY 7th MARCH at 7pm. All current and new parents are welcome to attend.
- Nourishing - Beaufort Primary School Cook Book. The book is still available for $20 from school and from a number of retailers around town.
- The Annual Calendar is now available from the school office and from a number of retailers around town.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BEAUFORT FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Netballers - all junior teams Netball meeting TONIGHT 1st March at club rooms, 7pm. All players and parents to attend.
Under 15s and Under 17s training has started.
Under 13’s will not start until AFTER the long weekend.

Footballers - Under 15 FOOTBALL training will start this THURSDAY 3rd March at 5.30pm.

Please spread the word.

Beaufort End of Season Pool Party

Friday 4 March 2016
Time: 4pm – 8pm
Large inflatable Water bubble
BBQ food for sale
Sponsored by: Friends of the Pool

Mental Health First Aid

12-HOUR STANDARD MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE
This course teaches adults how to assist other adults who are experiencing a mental health crisis or developing a mental health problem.

Course Dates

March 21st & 22nd – Stawell
April 12th & 13th – Beaufort
April 27th & 28th – St Arnaud
May 10th and 11th – Avoca

These courses are available at NO COST as part of the State Government Drought Relief Package supporting drought affected farming communities.
Courses run from 9am-5pm with catering provided.
The Standard MHFA Course is an accredited course by Mental Health First Aid Australia.

For more information or to register for a course please contact Lauren Dempsey:
(03) 5352 6204 or email pcpa@grampianscommunityhealth.org.au
www.mhfa.com.au
FROM PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Are you interested in getting involved in the Beaufort Primary School community and helping with events and fundraising for the school? The Parents and Friends Committee is looking for interested parents to join in 2016. Interested parents are invited along to the P&F AGM – Monday 7 March at 7pm.

Quite a number of active parents in the P&F have moved on in the past couple of years and active membership has dwindled. Without new members the committee will not be able to operate effectively this year and maintain the level of fundraising and other activities that have taken place in the past few years. The committee’s fundraising contributes to excursions, programs and equipment for all children at the school and involvement is a great way to contribute to the school community.

We are looking for new parents to get involved and bring along fresh ideas for P&F, either just as members, or in committee positions. Please have a think about if you have time or skills you could contribute - we are looking for new people to fill all committee positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, BBQ Coordinator) as well as interested parents who can help with fundraising and other activities.

SETTING UP YOUR FOOTY TIPPING ACCOUNT

- Log on to www.footytips.com.au
- Click on ‘I want to join a competition’ and search for BeaufortPS.
- It will ask for a password - BSP60 and click join comp
- Create an account by clicking on JOIN and filling in all the details.
- Once you have completed these steps, you will be right to start tipping.
- Money ($5 per tipper or $10 per family) is due to the office by the end of round 5. Please place money in a labelled envelope and send it to Leonie in the office.