

From The Principal

Congratulations to all of our students for a great first term of learning!

During Week 8 we held our Half day closure for Parent – Teacher conferences. We had an amazing 92% engagement from our families with children PP - 6. These meetings are always a fantastic opportunity for families to discuss concerns and for the teacher to provide an overview of how children are progressing and achieving in all domains of learning. This was also another opportunity to celebrate each child's success. Thank you to our wonderful families for your support and working together with the team of staff at Beenyup Primary to build brighter futures together for our children. Families of Pre-primary, Year 1 and 2 children would have received a copy of their child's On Entry Assessment results during these meetings.

Our team of staff have been analysing the On Entry assessment data for our school and using this as part of the information used to plan for targeted learning experiences to support student progress. Next term, the school's results will be shared with our school community.

Our School Board Chair, Mr Shaye Mack, and I attended a day of Board training as part of our focus on building a well-functioning Board at Beenyup Primary. At our recent Board meeting we shared this information with Board members and discussed items such as the Department of Education's strategic plans and how our school plans align, the new Statement of Expectations for schools which will now replace the Delivery and Performance Agreement. Special thanks go to Shaye for volunteering his time for a day to attend the training as part of his commitment to building brighter futures together at Beenyup Primary.

After a short term, the holidays are here and I hope that our families have a safe and happy holidays. I can't wait to see everyone when they return on Monday, 19 April!

Honour Certificates

Congratulations to the following Honour Certificate recipients from our last assembly.



Assembly: 26/03/21

Class	Student
Room 3	Braxton, Jai
Room 4	Alexander, Mia
Room 5	Harper, Dustin
Room 6	Billie, Cale
Room 9	Rhys, Colton
Room 10	Henry, Lily
Room 12	Corey, Felix
Room 13	William, Blake
Room 14	Abigail, Ella-Rose, Seth, Shahmir





Brilliant Kids Morning Tea

On Wednesday, 24 March, we held our Term 1 Brilliant Kids Morning Tea in recognition of our students consistently making positive choices and always trying their best. Our brilliant kids had wonderful information to share about what they really enjoyed about our school and what we could do to make our school even better.

The students stated that they really liked the ping pong tables, playing with different aged children, Auslan, PE, great teachers, Morning Meetings, the flower artwork, our office staff and teachers and the library. They also liked that there were lots of things to do at play time with friends and that they had access to use technology to help them learn.

The feedback that students shared about how we could make our school even better included having a fruit and veggie garden, reward play in different areas, the library to be open at morning play as well, loose parts play, reading at home and sharing, more incursions and excursions, swimming lessons, a canteen and more playgrounds. Students also stated shade, having a timer for the ping pong tables, and sustainability (green team student leaders/ waste wise Wednesdays etc.) opportunities would be great.

Congratulations to all of our brilliant kids for being such amazing role models – keep shining brightly!



From Room 3 – Giant on the loose in Beenyup

The PP3 students came back after the weekend to find very, very big clothes scattered around the school! They decided that with the other Pre-primary class they would go on a scavenger hunt and see what else they could find. They came across a stripy tie, 2 pairs of yellow socks, belt, 2 shoes, a pair of pants and a large white button up shirt. The clothes hunt ended them up in the undercover area where they came across an enormous giant who was in need of his clothes. The teachers had to climb up onto a ladder as the students passed the clothes to them, he was so big! Some students got to help dress the very large giant, putting his shoes and socks on.

The scavenger hunt helped lead into Room 3s very first Talk4Writing text, The Smartest Giant in Town. The students got to design themselves as a giant and then write a story using the same structure as the text. Maia the giant had bugs living in her hair and Harvey the giant had shark fins as his arms – they were definitely the scariest giants in town. We can't wait to see the many different stories the students will be creating this year!

Harmony Week

Last week we celebrated Harmony Week. Students were encouraged on Thursday to wear orange for Harmony or their traditional cultural dress. Throughout the week students engaged and took part in many learning experiences.

The message of Harmony Day is everyone belongs. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.





From Kindy – Harmony Week in Kindy

All aboard! Our borders might be shut but that didn't stop the Kindy kids from travelling around the globe discovering traditional music from a range of cultures. Some of the music we danced to included reggae music from the Caribbean, Flamenco music from Spain and traditional Chinese music. We discussed whether the music was slow, fast, exciting or calming and how our bodies moved differently to each piece. We also explored a range of instruments including the xylophone, maraca and the triangle and discovered the different sounds each instrument made. We read stories linked to Harmony Week and discussed topics relating to our diverse cultural backgrounds and shared what we have in common. We used mirrors to draw and colour self-portraits of ourselves using oil pastels and then decided on ways that we can be kind to one another in order to create a world of harmony.

I can be kind to others by inviting them to play with me.

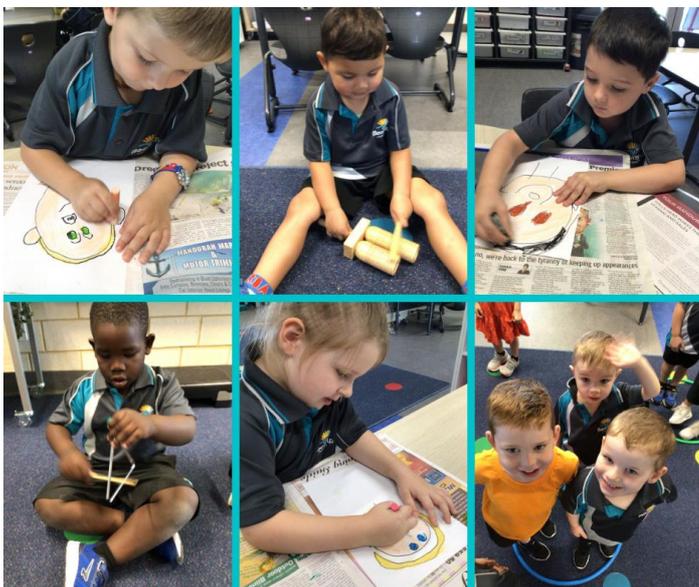
-Jackson

I can be kind to others by sharing toys.

-Alyssa

I can be kind to others by picking them up when they're falling.

- Manaia



Harmony Day in Room 12

Room 12 students researched their family heritage and created a handprint which represented the countries they are from.

They also completed an activity that explored what harmony week means and learnt about diversity and inclusivity. They enjoyed learning greetings in other languages such as Noongar, Japanese and Urdu.



Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 1 April, we had our Easter Hat Parade to finish off an amazing first Term for the year. We have so many creative students here at Beenyup, there was so many amazing hats and different ideas from students that was awesome to see.





Physical Education News

This term, while being a short one, has been very busy for the students in sport. In Week 6 we were again involved in another Summer Carnival, this time playing Basketball. While the results didn't go our way, the year 5 and 6 students showed everyone how much of a STAR they are and never gave up, scoring more points in each game they played.

We have also been very fortunate to have coaches from Top Shot Tennis come out on Fridays and teach the students in Years 2 to 6 some of the skills that they need to play tennis. They have done forehands, backhands and rally practice in many different activities, as well as getting involved in some games such as Beat the Coach, 25 and everyone's personal favourite, Knockout. In week 8, we also had Brenton out from NRL WA to do an incursion with students in year's 2 to 6. The students were shown some activities and skills needed in NRL and were told about some opportunities to get involved outside of school. If you are interested in getting involved in NRL, please contact Mr. Fry for more details.

Students in Pre-Primary and Year 1 have been doing some awesome work in sport, performing their best in some Fundamental Movement Skill tests such as hopping, balancing, catching and throwing. We have also practiced our underarm throwing (Spiderman throw) and dodging.

Have a safe a happy holiday, and I will see you all back ready to learn some more skills in Term 2. Mr Fry



Bright Future STEM Program

With building brighter futures together a real focus in our school, it seemed fitting that the STEM incursion our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed in Week 7 was called the Brighter Future STEM Program. Brought to us all the way from Brisbane, the team from AMMA, the Australian Resources and Energy Group rocked up with fun, hands on STEM activities, as well as professionals from the mining industry who spoke to the students about their jobs. Once the talks were finished, our students participated in the activities, coordinated and led by the AMMA team. Among other things, they got to experience VR goggles, mined for chocolate chips in biscuits (then got to eat the biscuit with ice-cream), build structures from marshmallow and spaghetti. And all of this at no charge!

We look forward to having the team back with us in a couple of years so that our current Year 3 and 4 students can have the same experience.





Grant News

Robotics Club

With the success of our Robotics Club last year at both regional and state levels, we're excited to get it up and running again this year, hopefully with more participants. The tricky part though, is how to get more equipment without using school money. Well, it turned out to be not so hard after all. Just in time came a notice that sponsorship grants for Student Science Engagement and Competitions were available through AusIndustry, the Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources. With a grant application of \$4 475 being successful, registration will be covered and six more Spike robots will be purchased to help prepare students for the end of year FIRST Lego competition.

Sporting Schools

Our students from Years 2 to 6 have had the opportunity to enjoy tennis and netball clinics over the last 12 months, thanks to grant money obtained through Sporting Schools. Another Sporting Schools grant paid for the purchase of soccer equipment during the Covid lockdown period last year, when we couldn't have outside associations come into the school. Sporting Schools is an Australian Government initiative designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport and connect them with community sport opportunities. A new grant of \$2 700 means that our students will have the opportunity to experience Touch Rugby in Term 2 this year. Stay tuned to find out just when this will be happening.

Ride to School Day

On Friday, 26 March we had our second  Ride at School Day for Term 1. Students had a great time and we had over ninety students from Year 1-6 in three groups participating. Thank you to Mrs Tran and our wonderful Your Move ambassadors for designing and creating such a great track for us again.



Students NOT Returning in Term 2 2021

Our administration team is currently planning for Term 2. If you are moving out of the area or already know that your child/ren will not be returning to Beenyup Primary next term, please inform us, as soon as possible to allow us to adequately plan classes. Notice can be given in writing by email or coming into the office to fill in a student leaving form.

Term 2 Return Dates

Just a reminder that Term 2 commences on Monday, 19 April.

For our families who celebrate Easter, we hope you all have a lovely Easter and get to eat lots of chocolate from the Easter bunny!

We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday break and we are looking forward to seeing all of your smiling faces in Term 2!

