Welcome back to a brand new year at school! What a great start to the year we have had! Lots of happy, smiling faces (parents mainly) and a very smooth first few days in the new classes. I am very excited this year to welcome new students, their families and new teachers to our wonderful school community. As well as our preppies who started today, we have had new students start in all grade levels this year. We are now at 310 students which is double the number attending Bonbeach when I first started 5 years ago.

The preps (and their parents!) all had a very happy start this morning. There was not a tear in sight. I would like to welcome our new teachers, Mr. Damien Lee (3/4) and Mrs. Elise Ioviero (5/6). We are also very happy to welcome back Mr. McCormack (Phys. Ed), Ms Thomas (Music), Mrs. Wicks (5/6) and Pak Shaw (LOTE) who is filling in for Bu King for the 1st 6 weeks whilst she is on long service leave.

Building works

The tenders have closed for the renovation work on the hall and we should hear very shortly when the works will commence and how long the process will take. These works will impact on car parking, so keep an eye on the newsletter so that you are prepared for it.

Assemblies this year

There will only be one Friday afternoon assembly this year. That will be a special one to announce our student leadership positions for 2017 and it will be next Friday, 10th February starting at 2:55pm. All student of the week awards, sports reports, House awards, etc. will be conducted at the Monday morning assemblies starting at 9am every Monday. We will be holding these assemblies in the hall until work commences.

Early comers to school

No students should arrive at school before 8:30am. The only exceptions are students enrolled in Before School Care or those required for sports/aerobics training. The school day officially starts at 8:45am and finishes at 3:45pm. You are allowing your children to play unsupervised and, therefore, at risk if they come to school too early. There are no teachers on duty before 8:45 and after 3:45pm.

Ken Jones
Principal
Welcome Back

It was great to see so many smiles and everyone back at school. That said, I know how hard it is to get some children out of bed in time for the first day of school – it was not fun in my house trying to get my 15 year old and 17 year old daughters out of bed in time to catch the bus on Tuesday!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are going to be offered on Wednesday 15th February and Thursday 16th February. These interviews will be 10 minutes in duration. Please see below for approximate times that the class teachers will be available.

Parents of prep students DO NOT need to select an interview time for your child as you will meet with the class teacher throughout Term 1, on a Wednesday, when your child attends the School Entry Assessment session.

As previously, you will select your own time via the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website and enter this code: z4fjp. Please note that the interview portal will open on Tuesday 7th February at 9:30am and will close at 3:30pm on Friday 10th February.

This first interview of the year is an excellent opportunity for you to share important information regarding your child, information that will help the classroom teacher best cater for your child to ensure that he or she can succeed. As it is very early in the year, the teacher will be able to provide information on how your child has settled into the 2017 grade and some preliminary information regarding initial academic performance. A comprehensive report and interview regarding academic and social progress will be offered mid-year.

The teachers do their best to ensure that the interviews are completed in the allocated time. However, at times, interviews may run longer than expected. Please try to be understanding. Also, if you have more than one child at Bonbeach PS, ensure you have at least a 10 minute ‘break’ between each interview. Please ensure that you add all of your children’s names on the page that prompts you. This will ensure that you are reminded to have a 10 minute break between interviews.

If you have any difficulties accessing the website, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Information Evening

Planning is under way for a Level Information evening. This is where the outline for the year will be shared with you. This will include expectations, curriculum, homework, important dates (such as camps if applicable) as well as vital information in regards to ICT and a new program/app called See-Saw that we are excited to share with you. The date will be confirmed in next week’s newsletter, but will be during the week of the 27th February.
Working With Children Check

A current Working with Children Check is required if you would like to volunteer at school in nearly all circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Changing readers/ listening to readers
- Helping in any way with your class or at school
- Excursions
- P&F
- School Council members
- Working Bees
- Canteen
- Selling icy-poles at lunchtime

A Working With Children Check Flow Chart is available to help you through the process and is available on the Policies page of the school website at http://bonbeachps.vic.edu.au/page/199/Policies. Please ensure you present your card to the Office as soon as possible.

OHS and Child Safe Code of Conduct

As of the 1st of January 2017, all volunteers at Bonbeach Primary School are required to be ‘inducted’ in regards to Occupational Health and Safety. To expedite this process at the Office end, please go to http://bonbeachps.vic.edu.au/page/209/OHS, read the OHS Volunteer Handbook, print and complete the Volunteer Worker Checklist and print and complete pages 1 and 2 only of the Child Safe Code of Conduct for Staff, Volunteers and School Council Members. Bring the completed pages to school and present to the Office. This induction process is valid for 1 school year. Volunteers at the Working Bee in Term 4 of 2016 completed the induction process and do not need to be re-inducted for 2017.

School Shoes

Thank you for your support in ensuring the school uniform requirements are being met. Remember, black closed toe shoes are now required to be worn. These can be runners or leather shoes. If you have purchased leather shoes for your child, on days when your child has Physical Education, your child can change into their shoes for the lesson, and then change back after at the completion of the lesson.

School Interviews

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the prompts

![SCHOOL INTERVIEWS](image)
COMMUNICATION IS VERY IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ

Newsletters and Notices
Newsletters (Jumbunna) are an important communication link between the school and home. Jumbunna is an Indigenous word meaning ‘place to meet and talk.’
To access the newsletter please subscribe through the school website – www.bonbeachps.vic.edu.au Please also refer to the calendar on the website.

Those parents who do not have access to the internet will be able to collect a copy from the office.

The class teacher will distribute notices regarding excursions and special events to each child or per family with the youngest child. These will also be available from the website. Many Newsletters and Notices contain 'cut off and return slips' and it would greatly assist the school if parents could attend to these and return them promptly and if payment is required please enclose correct money. It is extremely important to have permission slips and payment to the office on time as we will not accept any late replies.
If you send the permission slip without payment the slip will be returned home via the student.

Tiqbiz
We use an app to send instant messages, notices and reminders. The tiqbiz app will help our school keep parents fully informed and up-to-date with news and events. It’s easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less. Search for tiqbiz at the App Store, find and tick our school and register. Please tick the Whole School box, as well as a box that represents your child/ren year, Junior box (for Prep, 1 & 2), Middle box for (year 3 & 4) and a Senior box for (year 5 & 6).
Please refer to instructions below.
WELCOME BACK TO OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

We are looking forward to seeing all the children back at Camp Australia and welcoming new children and families to our group.

At the start of every year it is very important that we have all enrolment forms and medical forms filled in properly and signed by our parents. If you are new to Camp Australia and your child has a medical condition that we need to be aware of, please come and see us to pick up the proper paperwork that will need to be filled out.

During the first week we will be sending home a child profile sheet along with a permission to take photos sheet. Please fill these in and return them to us before February 16th. The profile sheets will give us a better understanding of what your child enjoys doing which can assist us with our programming.

COMPLIANCE

Why do we need to maintain 100% compliancy?

1. To keep your children safe whilst in care. (compliance supports children being safe while in care of Educators)
2. It is our responsibility to uphold the Education and Care Laws and Regulations. (as the Approved Provider we are guided by particular requirements)
3. To support the work of the Regulatory Authorities. (Their role is to work proactively with Educators to continue to guide best practice principles for children’s wellbeing.

On a day to day basis our staff at Camp Australia Bonbeach Primary School are continually working to maintain 100% compliancy. If you have any concerns or questions (negative or positive) please feel free to discuss them with our staff. We can only work on issues and concerns if we know about them.

INFORMATION BOARD

There is a parent information board straight ahead of the sign in/out desk. Please take a look at it periodically for notices.

We will also be setting up a parent feedback board. Please feel free to write anything that you think we need to know about whether it is negative or positive and we will act upon it.

PICK UPS AND DROP OFF’S

Please note that we only take kinder children to their class at before school care and we pick up children from class who are in kinder, prep and grade 1 for after school care. If you child has transitioned into grade 2 please discuss with them that they now make their own way over to after school care.

Sheila Whyte
Coordinator OSHC

visit www.campaustralia.com.au
Dates to remember

**Wed 8/2**  Prep Entry Assessment Appointments – No Preps at school
**Tue 7/2**  Swimming Trials Permission Form due back
**Thur 9/2**  Swimming Trials for Chelsea District Swimming Sports 11:30am-1:30pm
**Fri 10/2**  Prep/1 Colour Dress-up Day - Yellow
**Sun 12/2**  Bonbeach Farmers’ Market
**Wed 15/2**  Prep Entry Assessment Appointments – No Preps at school
**Fri 17/2**  Prep/1 Colour Dress-up Day - Red
  Inter-School Sports starts
**Tue 21/2**  Education Sub-committee 5:30pm
**Wed 22/2**  Prep Entry Assessment Appointments – No Preps at school
**Fri 24/2**  Prep/1 Colour Dress-up Day - Blue
**Wed 1/3**  Prep Entry Assessment Appointments – No Preps at school
**Fri 3/3**  Prep/1 Colour Dress-up Day - Orange
  Chelsea District Swimming Sports
**Wed 8/3**  Prep Entry Assessment Appointments – No Preps at school
**Fri 10/3**  Prep/1 Colour Dress-up Day - Pink
**Sun 12/3**  Bonbeach Farmers’ Market
**Mon 13/3**  **Labour Day holiday**
**Tue 14/3**  School Council AGM 6pm
**Wed 15/3**  Prep Entry Assessment Appointments – No Preps at school
**Fri 17/3**  Prep/1 Colour Dress-up Day - Green
**Wed 22/3**  Prep Entry Assessment Appointments – No Preps at school
**Fri 24/23**  Prep/1 Rainbow Party
  Summer Lightning premiership
**Tue 28/3**  Education Sub-committee 5:30pm
**Wed 29/3**  Prep Entry Assessment Appointments – No Preps at school
**Fri 31/3**  Last day of term 1-students dismissed at 2:30pm

**Term 2**
**Tue 18/4**  Term 2 begins 9am
  School Council Meeting 6pm
**Tue 2/5**  Education Sub-committee 5:30pm
**Tue 16/5**  School Council Meeting 6pm
**Fri 19/5**  District Cross Country
**Fri 26/5**  Winter lightning premiership
**Tue 30/5**  Education Sub-committee 5:30pm
**Tue 13/6**  School Council Meeting 6pm
**Tue 27/6**  Education Sub-committee 5:30pm
Music Madness Term 1, week 1

If your grade 5/6 student is singing a rather…unusual song this week, I assure you the lyrics are clean! A bit of fun to start the musical year. All grades are focusing on Rhythm and Beat. Can you find the beat in the song playing in the car or the jingle on the advert on TV? What is the rhythm? The grade 2 students described the difference most clearly; the Beat is the Heartbeat, regular and strong. The rhythm is the fun part that can be sung or clapped. Sometimes it sounds like a horse galloping in ‘lopsided ways’.

Grade 3/4 students have learned ‘Boom Chucka Boom’ and played with the lyrics. 100 house points for any original verses that are composed!

Grade 2 students danced to a song called ‘Move and Freeze’ by the Learning Station. They were incredible! Remembering their left and right hands, crossing them over their knees in time to the music and particularly the very tricky dance with a partner. Wow! Brain Gym Superheroes.

Grade Prep and 1 students will start music next week, hooray!

For families who are interested in exciting music performances, or free entertainment, there is a concert in Mordialloc this Saturday 4th February from 4-9. The MoJo (Mordialloc Jazz Orchestra) will be performing live at the Hazel Pierce Park adjacent to the Mordialloc Creek every Saturday afternoon in the month of February. A brilliant opportunity for your child to see, hear and breath trombones, trumpets, saxophones and more. Pack a picnic or pick up fish n chips!!

Mt Eliza Music Festival
Chilled vibes and good tunes

The Mt Eliza Music Festival will take place for the second year running on Saturday February 4, 2017 from 12 noon to midnight.

With almost 70 acts including a variety of folk, roots, indie, blues, DJ's playing house and techno. The festival is set out across Mt Eliza village, there'll be three outdoor stages, additional pop-up stages, seven busking zones and music playing in 10 venues. There are plenty of activities to keep kids entertained including a jumping castle, face painting, petting zoo and arts and craft workshops. The children of Mt Eliza are even running their own market stalls.

A big (free) music weekend! Have a tootin' good time!!
Volunteers Needed for Lunch Time Icy Pole Roster

As our canteen remains closed for renovations, and the weather will continue to remain hot through Term 1, we are hoping to be able to offer the students icy poles for sale at the beginning of lunch breaks (big play). To enable us to do this we are calling for volunteers to assist in serving icy poles. Depending on the number of volunteers we are able to get, we are hoping to offer this at least one lunch break a week. If you are able to assist, please put your name on the roster at the office or contact Anita McKenzie on 0400 177 353 or anitamckenzie@rocketmail.com

Volunteering for this will not count towards the Building and Ground’s Levy fee reduction.

Please note: you need to hold a current Working with Children Check and have supplied it to the office to help serve icy poles. These are free for volunteers. Further information about the school’s Working with Children Check process is available at http://www.bonbeachps.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/flow_chart_for_working_with_children_check.pdf and they can be applied for at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/
2017 CSEF Applications are available from the Office or www.bonbeachps.vic.edu.au. Please complete the application and present with Health Care Card which must be valid for the 30th January 2017. Applications must be at the office by Friday 24th February 2017.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8:50am-9:15am.

Prepaid completed orders forms can be left at the office to be filled. Orders will then be available for collection from the office.

Thank-you
Bonnie & Katarina

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**FROM THE ART ROOM**

Please provide your child with an Art Smock. It can be an old large t.shirt or shirt. **All children are to bring an Art Smock if they are participating in Art classes.** All paint used is non toxic and water based.

Paint on clothing: Hand wash in cold water with soap. To remove any stains remaining in the fabric use a stain remover and follow the directions. **It is important NOT to use hot water.**

Thank you
Mrs Kellie Batson

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**Dogs at school.**

Dogs are not allowed on school premises between the hours of 8:45am and 3:45pm. Even if you know your dog is placid and wouldn’t hurt anyone, some children are scared or uncomfortable around dogs. If you do bring your dog to school for pick up or drop off, please tie them to the fence outside.
STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING

Please bring your student bank books to the school office on THURSDAY mornings.

Please remember to fill in the payment slip when depositing money into your account.

Thank you
Wendy
The Dollarmites are bringing the future to your school.

Since 1931, CommBank’s School Banking program has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and develop lifelong money skills.

For our 2017 theme, a futuristic adventure is in store. Students will join the new-look Dollarmites as Future Savers, making their way towards the Savings Hover Park – a fantastic playground up in the clouds of a hi-tech metropolis.

Encouraging savings habits with great rewards
School Banking will continue to reward children who demonstrate regular savings behaviour, and this year we’re introducing an exciting new range of reward items. Two are released every term, and available in Term 1 are the Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers. Your child can redeem one of these reward items, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to download and print this year’s Rewards Card. On our website you’ll also find a fun activity sheet and a Savings Tracker your child can use to keep track of their School Banking deposits throughout the year.

Dedicated savers get a chance to win a trip to Tokyo Disneyland
The Future Savers Grand Prize competition will take one lucky student on a family trip to Tokyo, Japan. Up to two adults and three children will get tickets to explore Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea, including the futuristic Tomorrowland attractions. This prize includes:

- Return economy airfares from the winner’s nearest capital city to Tokyo, Japan
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sheraton Grande Tokyo Bay Hotel
- Three-day Magic Pass to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea
- AU$1,000 spending money

To enter, your child simply has to make 15 or more School Banking deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017. This will automatically enter them into the competition for a chance to win.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Kids with a Difference
Parent Support Group

Who are we for?
Our group has been created to support parents of children with a difference. You may be concerned about your child’s development, behaviour or they may have a diagnosed medical or psychological condition. Well our group is for you.

What do we do?
We meet twice a term to talk about our concerns, joys, support available, share resources, funding and much more.

Term 1 Meeting dates and times (at the Longbeach Hotel, Chelsea)
Friday 17 February 10am - 11.30am
Friday 17 March at 10am - 11.30am

Everyone who has a concern about their child is welcome 😊
Contact: Anita – anitamckenzie@rocketmail.com or mobile: 0400 177 353